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This book is about contribution and legacy of outstanding people with Ukrainian origins. It contains stories about people who left their mark in the history of such industries as informational technology, film production, pictorial art, design, literature, music, and sport. Amongst them is the top money making director in the film industry – Steven Spielberg, the legend of the music world – Bob Dylan, one of the co-founders of Apple – Steve Wozniak and many others. All of them left an impressive legacy and this book will shortly introduce their contribution in a very decorous and intriguing format.

Эта книга о вкладе и наследии выдающихся людей с украинским корнями. В ней содержатся рассказ о сорока одном человеке, которые оставили яркий след в таких сферах, как информационные технологии, кино, живопись, дизайн, литература, музыка и спорт. Среди этих людей: самый кассовый режиссёр в истории кино — Стивен Спилберг, легенда мировой музыки — Боб Дилан, один из основателей компании Apple — Стив Возняк, и многие-многие другие люди. Все они оставили впечатляющее наследие, и данная книга кратко представляет это наследие в красочном и ярком формате, таком же ярком, как и достижения этих выдающихся людей.

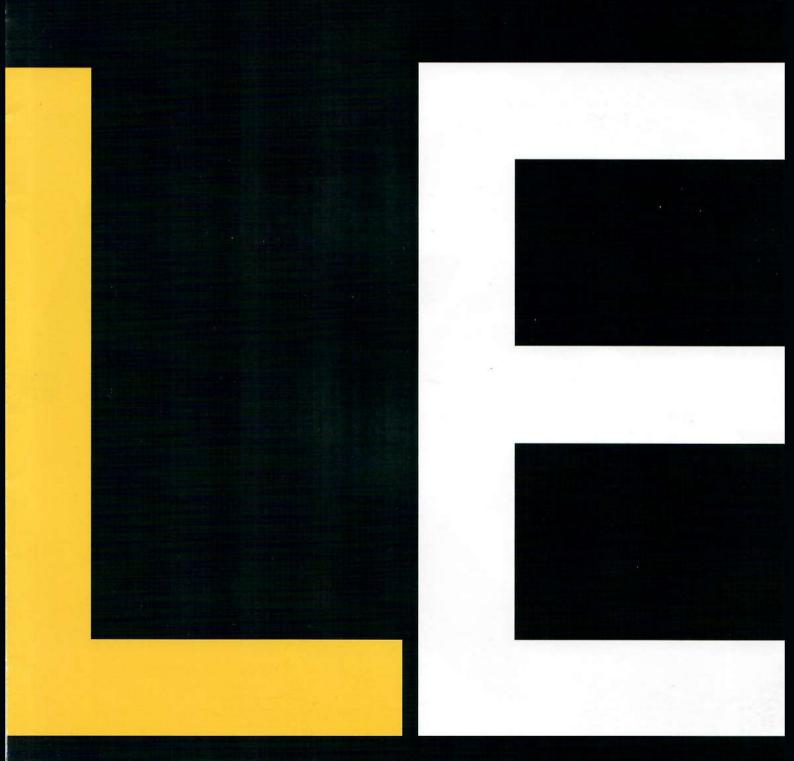
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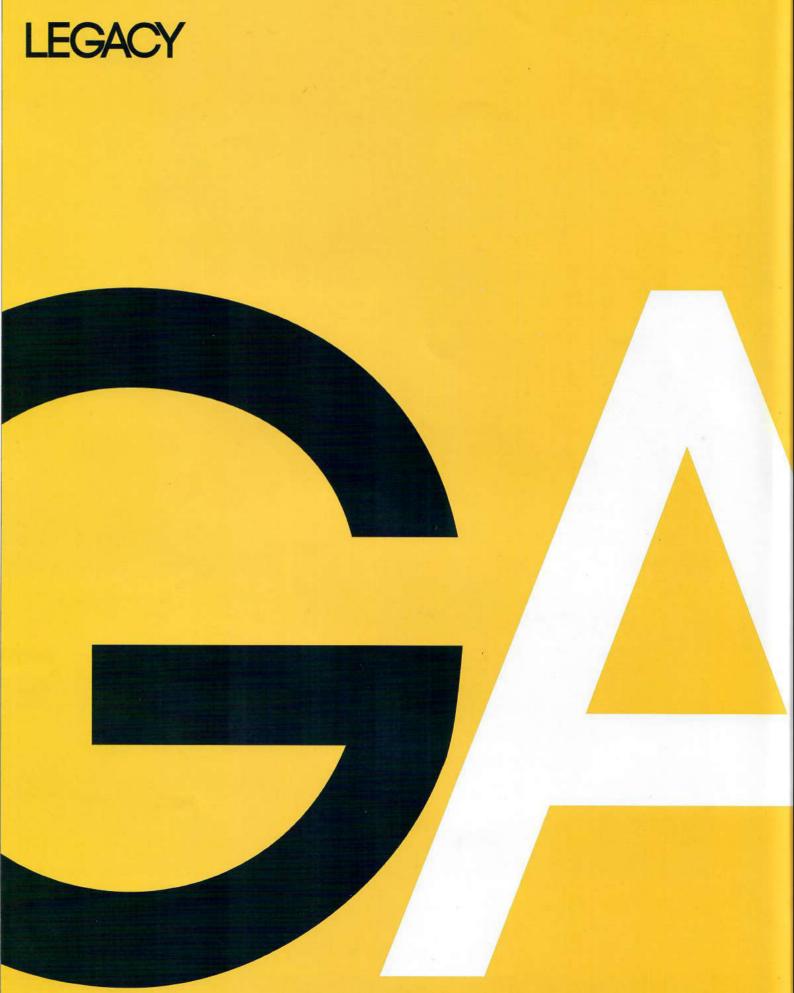




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Preface

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Outstanding people with Ukrainian origins contributed immensely to various areas of human endeavor. As a result of their discoveries and developments, more than half of the world's population uses the Internet, five billion people around the world communicate with mobile phones, 50% of the world's Internet traffic goes through a Wi-Fi connection and billions of people use personal computers for work and entertainment. That is but a fraction demonstrating the contribution of ethnic Ukrainians.

We know and remember the legacy they left. We deeply appreciate and are proud of the contribution they made to many areas of human endeavor. Their legacy inspires us to new achievements and discoveries, and so we want as many people around the world as possible to learn about these outstanding individuals and their equally outstanding achievements. That is why we decided to create our book, Legacy Ukraine. We hope that this work will inspire a new generation of talented people to strive for new discoveries and achievements.

Introduction

The pages of this book describe the legacy of forty-one people with Ukrainian origins, who left a major imprint in areas like information technology, film, art, design, literature and music. These forty-one «protagonists» are far from being the complete list of prominent people with Ukrainian origins. There are many more such people with Ukrainian roots, who have greatly contributed to the areas covered in the book and many other areas of human endeavor.

These people include: outstanding aircraft designers – Igor Sikorsky and Oleg Antonov; genius physicians – Ilya Mechnikov, Waldemar Haffkine, Selman Waksman, Vladimir Filatov and Nikolai Amosov; pioneer experts in cosmonautics – Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, Yuri Kondratyuk, Valentin Glushko and Sergei Korolev; leading scientists and developers in information technology – Lubomyr Romankiw and Olexander Smakula, as well as many other outstanding individuals.



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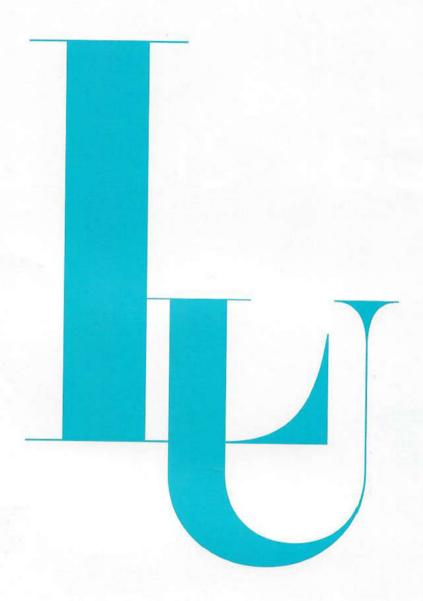
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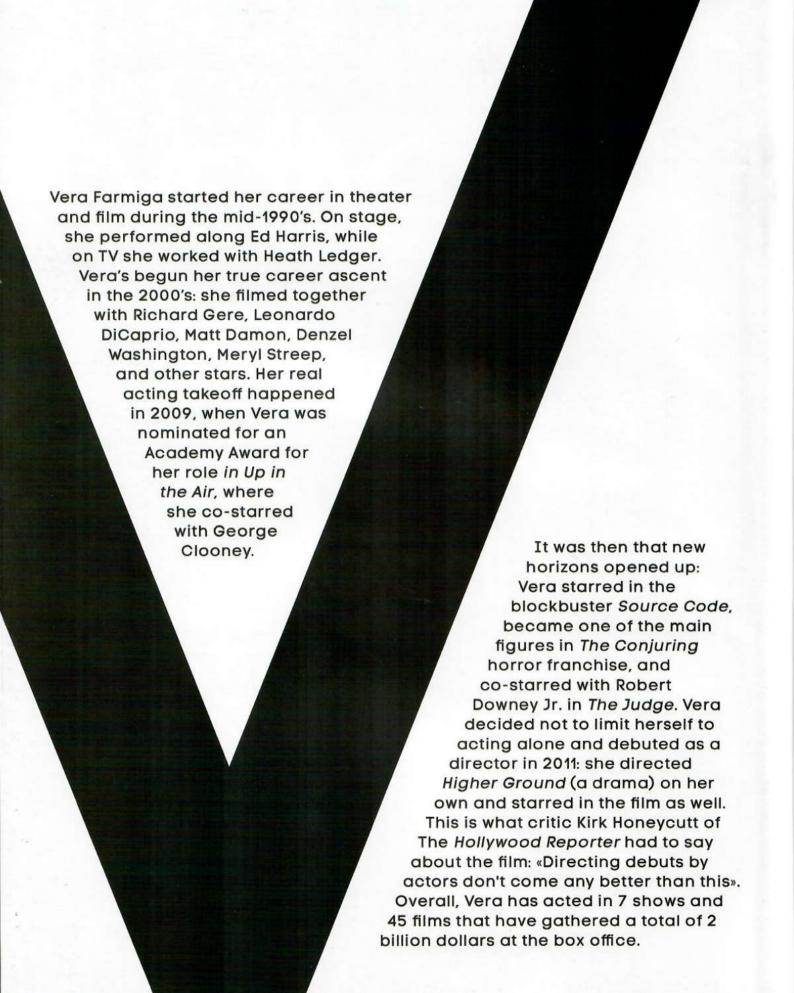
The FARMIGA LEGACY

FILMS WITH VERA FARMIGA
HAVE COLLECTED

OVER TWO
BILLION DOLLARS

AT THE BOX OFFTCF

Vera Farmiga has acted in seven shows and 45 movies with a total box office of two billion dollars. Vera is popular for her dramatic roles, which earned her 60 nominations and 16 awards in the film industry. But the actress is not about to settle for her achievements and is ever on the lookout for new interesting projects. To illustrate the point, she has another eight films ahead of her – including the blockbuster Godzilla 2 and the upcoming part of The Conjuring, a horror franchise.











Olga Kurylenko has been acting professionally since 2005. After such a short time span, the actress already has 32 films to her credit, with a total box office of more than 1.3 billion dollars. Some of the highlights of Olga's career in film are spectacular duos with Hollywood's top-tier stars like Daniel Craig, Tom Cruise, Ben Affleck, and Russel Crow. Olga manages to combine an acting and a modeling career: she regularly appears on the covers of fashion magazines like Vogue, Elle, Harper's Bazaar and others. Eleven new projects in film and many photo sessions for the best fashion magazines in the world await Olga in the near future.

Olga Kurvlenko started her art career as a teenager. At 16, she moved to Paris, where she began her modeling career. When she was 18, Olga had already appeared on covers of Glamour, Elle, Voque, and other fashion magazines. Soon, Olga was doing major photo shoots and collaborating with brands like Kenzo and Victoria's Secret. That was a huge success, but Olga was not about to be content and stop at these achievements and decided to try her luck in acting. And so, she started attending acting classes. and it worked: Kurylenko's debut in cinema was in 2005, and Olga gained popularity in just a year.

This happened after the release of Paris, je t'aime in 2006, where she worked along with Elijah Wood. Worldwide popularity came to Olga in 2008, after the release of the blockbuster Quantum of Solace, where Kurvlenko co-starred with Daniel Craig as the Bond airl. At the time of its release. Quantum of Solace was the second highest grossing of 22 films about the British spy. It is worth noting that in this film Olga personally did the voicework for her character in English. French, Russian and Ukrainian. Starting from just 2005, Kurylenko acted in 32 films, which have collected a total of 1.3 billion dollars at the box office. Throughout these years Kurylenko worked with outstanding stars of Hollywood, including Daniel Craig, Tom Cruise, Russel Crow, Benicio Del Toro, Ben Affleck, Antonio Banderas, Morgan Freeman. Michael Fassbender and many others. Today, Olga continues pursuing her acting and modeling careers.









Mila Kunis is one of the highest paid actresses in Hollywood, with an income of 16 million dollars a year (as of 2018). Throughout her career, Mila has acted in 56 movies and TV series, bringing in a total revenue of 2,7 billion dollars. The actress chooses her projects thoroughly: she only has two movie roles ahead of her. However, it is possible that this scrupulous approach to choosing projects helped Mila reach the 6th spot of the Forbes list of Hollywood's highest paid actresses.

Mila Kunis started her professional acting career in 1998, when she received her first major role in a TV series called That '70s Show. Even in the early stages of her career, Mila already worked together with stars like Angelina Jolie, Chuck Norris,

Ashton Kutcher, Pamela Anderson, Kirsten Dunst and others. In 1999, the creators of Family Guy booked Mila for one of the main roles. In 2007, the actress was nominated for an Annie Award for her voicework in the

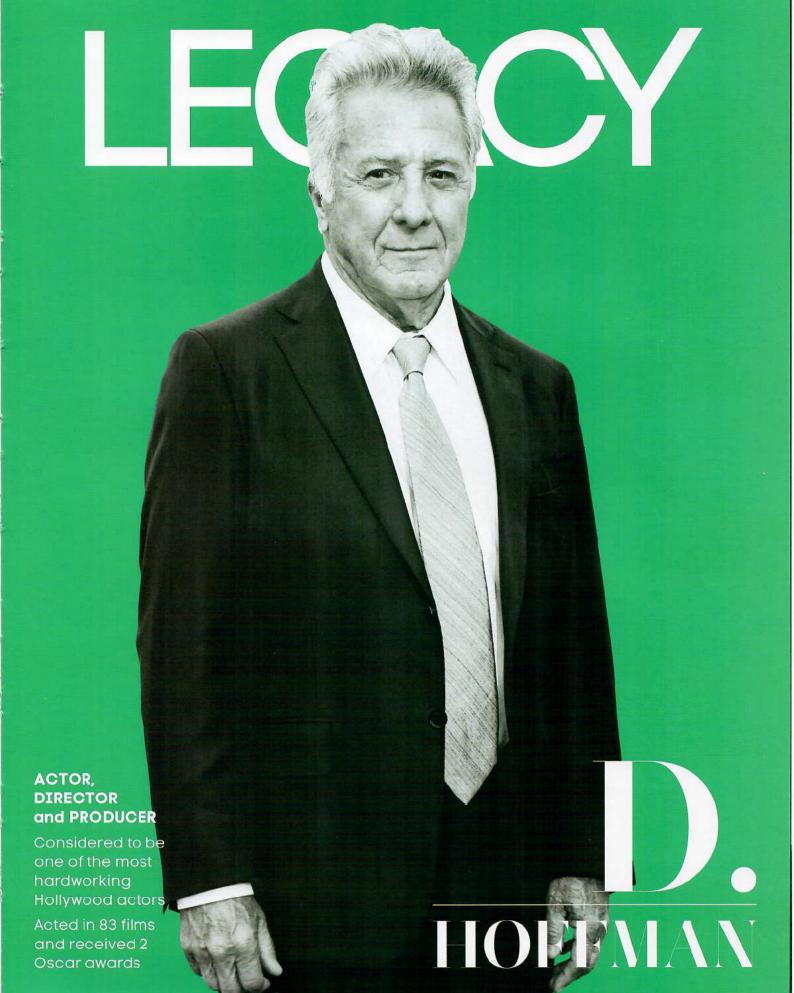
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LEGACY FIFTY EARS OF ALEGENDARY CAREER IN FILM

Throughout his career, Dustin Hoffman has acted in nine TV series and 74 films, which together have totaled to 5.5 billion dollars. Starting in the 1960's, Dustin created many unique characters and worked on each of them meticulously: for the role of an autistic savant in Rain Man, the actor spent a year with autistic people and their families, in preparation. No wonder that Hoffman received two Academy Awards, six Golden Globes and a total of 30 awards in film for his roles.

Dustin Hoffman started his acting career in the early 1960's. At the age of 21, Dustin moved to New York and started attending The Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute, which – just for the record - was created by yet another man of art with Ukrainian roots. In order to pay for the lessons, Dustin worked a lot. Throughout the years of studying he managed to work as a medical assistant, transcriptionist, toy salesman, dish washer and cloakroom attendant. During the late 1960's, Hoffman began actively preforming in Broadway shows and acting in television series. In 1967, Dustin received his first lead role in the drama film called The Graduate. It was an unbelievable success: Hoffman received a Golden Globe and the British Academy Film Award for the best debut, as well as an Academy Award nomination. After The Graduate, Hoffman's career skyrocketed, and films featuring the actor were released almost every year. All in all, Dustin Hoffman has acted in 83 films with a total revenue of 5.5 billion dollars at the box office, has won two Oscars, six Golden Globes and many other prestigious film-related awards.



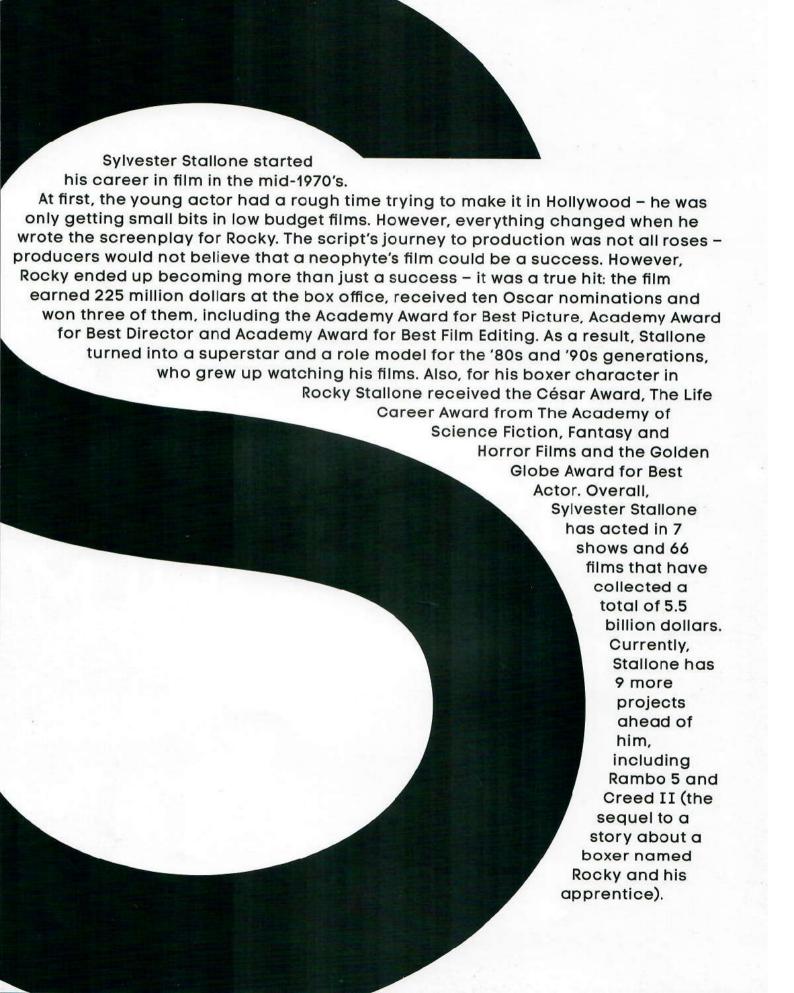


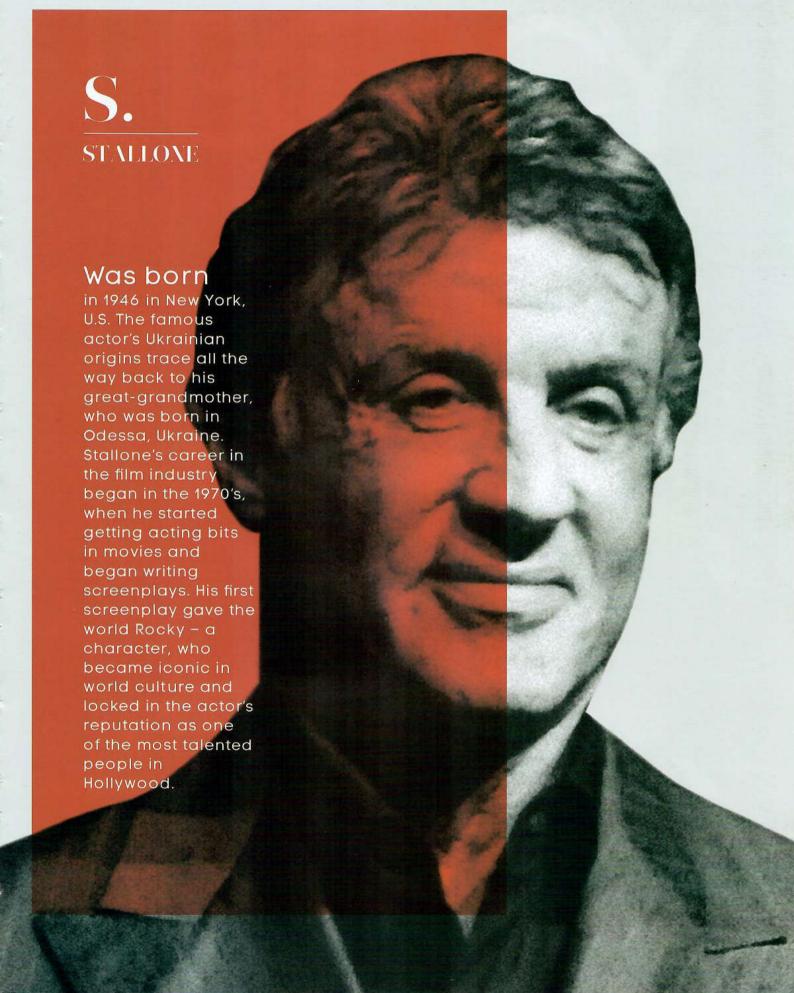




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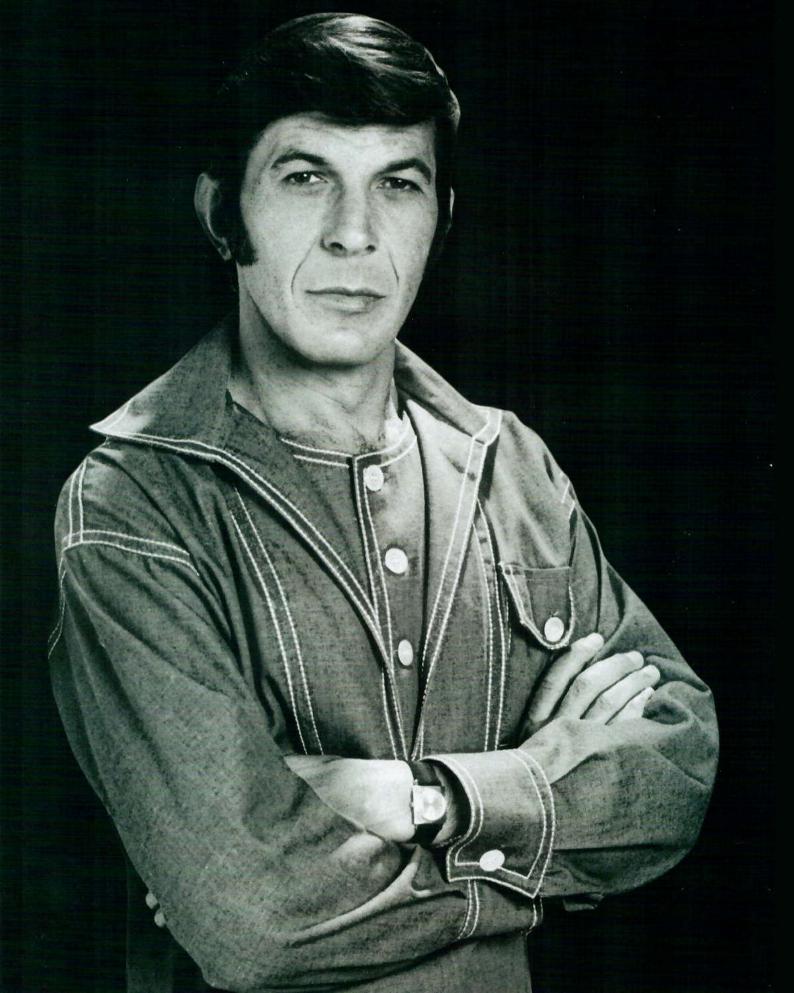
When Sylvester was 29, he was disappointed with the movie industry: while the films he acted in were popular, the studios didn't offer him any interesting roles. However, Stallone did not give up and decided to create his own dream project. He wrote the screenplay for Rocky, and with a budget of no more than 1 million, the film received 225 million dollars at the box office. The movie was also honored with three Academy Awards, including one for the «Best Picture», and eventually turned the unknown actor into Hollywood's superstar.









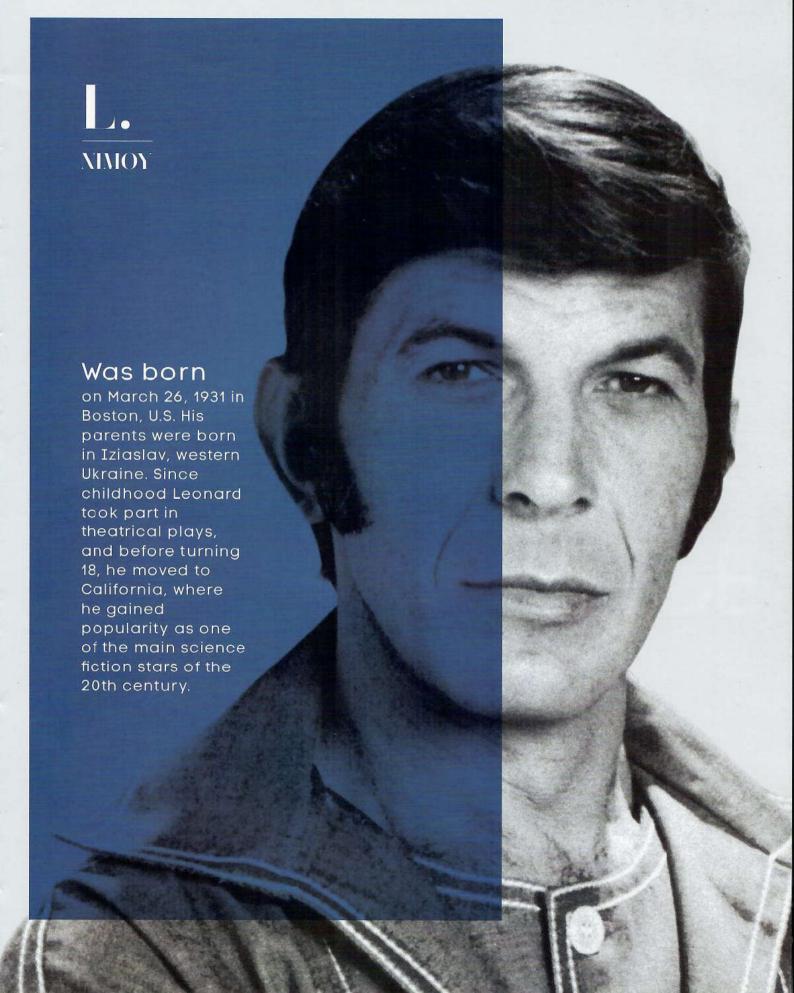


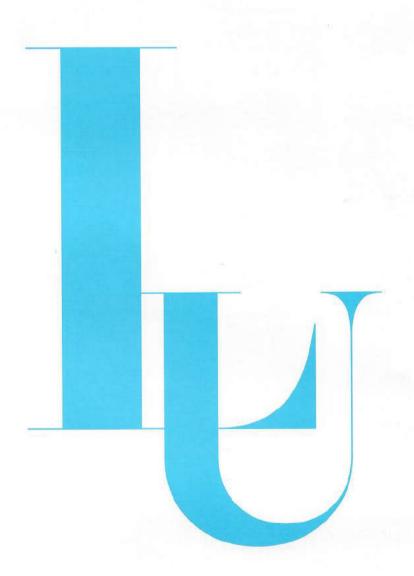
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Leonard Nimoy was there to witness the birth of Star Trek – one of the most popular Sci-Fi franchises. Spock, the Enterprise's science officer that Nimoy portrayed, was an iconic figure among the fans of science fiction around the world. In 2004, Leonard's character scored 21st on Bravo's (a U.K. TV channel) list of the 100 best television characters; while in 2008, the UGO website named Spock one of the 50 best characters in television. In addition, a whole asteroid of the Eos family, discovered in 1971, was named after Spock – Nimoy's character.

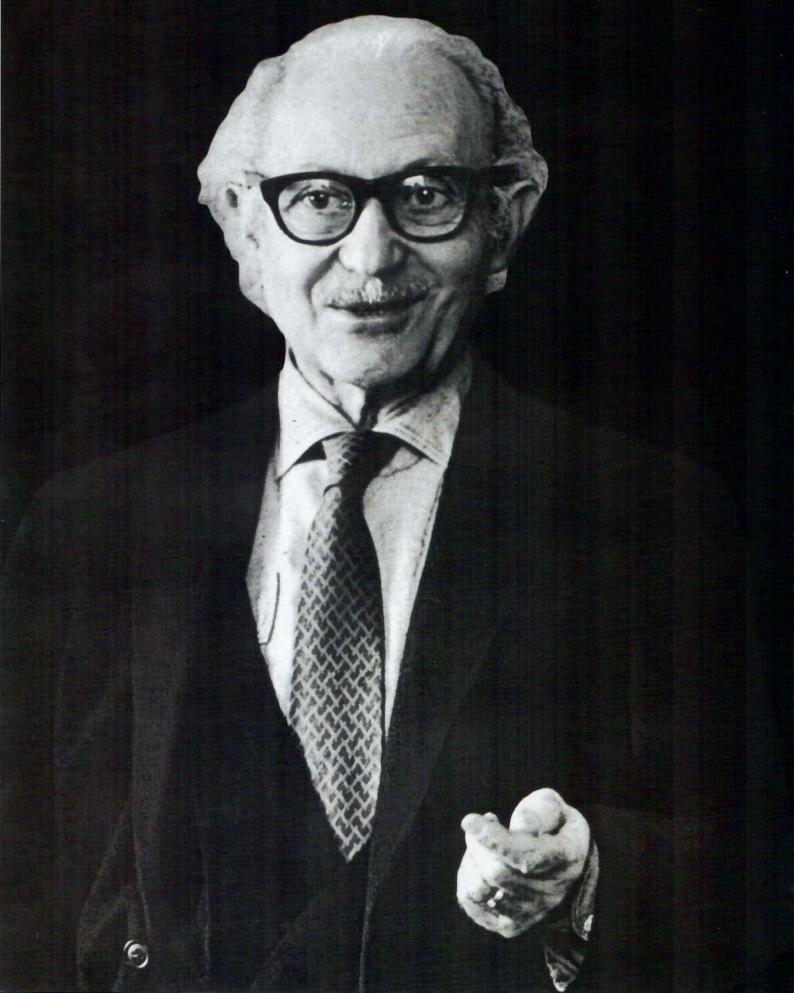
Leonard Nimoy started his career during the 1950's, when he moved to California at the age of 18. When he was 20 years old, Nimoy already received his fist leading role in a film. That was followed by multiple TV show roles; in one, the young actor was noticed by Gene Roddenberry – creator of the *Star Trek* television series, where Nimoy eventually played the role of commander Spock. For this role, Leonard Nimoy was thrice nominated for an Emmy Award for Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role. Further successes followed in shows like *Mission Impossible, Columbo* and *Night Gallery*.

In the 1980's, Leonard started actively working as a director: several feature Star Trek movies were directed by him; also, Nimoy filmed one of the highest grossing pictures of 1987, called Three Men and a Baby (with a budget of 11 million, the film earned 167 million dollars at the box office). Leonard Nimoy wasn't just an actor – he was also a director, screenwriter, photographer and even a poet. Overall, throughout his career, Nimoy participated in 111 projects, including films, shows, and voicework for animated films. In 1987, Leonard Nimoy was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his achievements in film. The actor was nominated 15 times for prestigious film and TV awards and received six awards, including the Saturn Award, the Life Career Award, and the Life Achievement Award.





ACTOR and ACTING TEACHER Helped bring out and foster the talent of stars like Marilyn Monroe, Jack Nicholson, Dustin STRASBERG Hoffman, Al Pacino and many other tope tier Hollywood actors



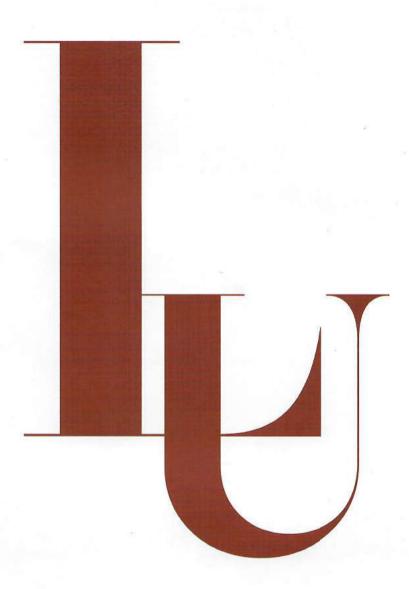
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Lee Strasberg – an outstanding acting teacher, who taught tens of world-famous stars throughout his career. He helped bring talent to light and strove to turn his students not simply into good actors, but rather legends of the cinema. This is proven by the stratospheric success of stars like Marilyn Monroe, Robert De Niro, Al Pacino and Dustin Hoffman.

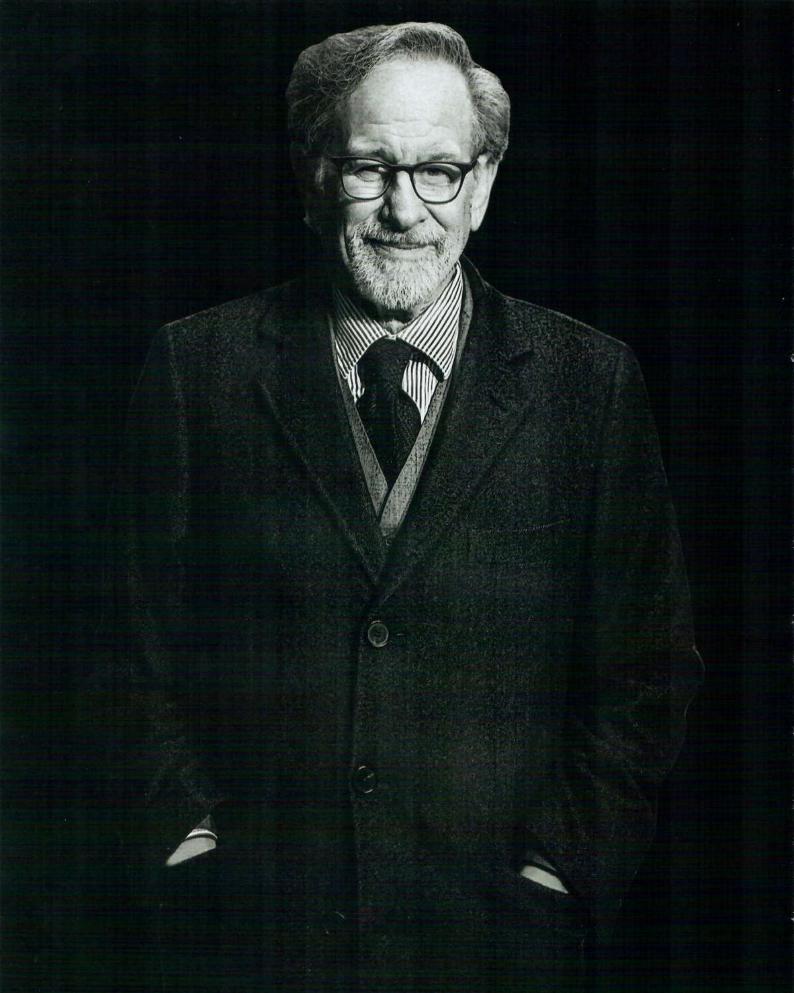
Lee Strasberg started his career in the 1930's. In 1931, he became a co-founder of a New York troupe called Group Theatre, which included actors, directors and screenwriters. The main idea was to create a new school of theater and to establish new principles of acting. In 1949, Strasberg began working in an acting school called Actors Studio in New York and became its director in 1952. The educator based his teaching on the Stanislavski's System – Lee himself had studied using the Stanislavski Method, but added his own developments and signature style. In 1966, Strasberg opened an Actors Studio branch in Los Angeles in order to be closer to Hollywood.

Here is what James Dean, a famous Hollywood actor of the '60s, said about Actors Studio: «The greatest school of the theater... It's the best thing that can happen to an actor». Playwright Tennessee Williams (author of the play A Streetcar Named Desire) wrote this about actors taught by Strasberg: «They act from the inside out. They communicate emotions they really feel. They give you a sense of life». That is exactly why Lee Strasberg's students including Al Pacino, Marilyn Monroe, Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro, Marlon Brando and others engraved their names into the history of film, while movies featuring those actors became beloved classics.



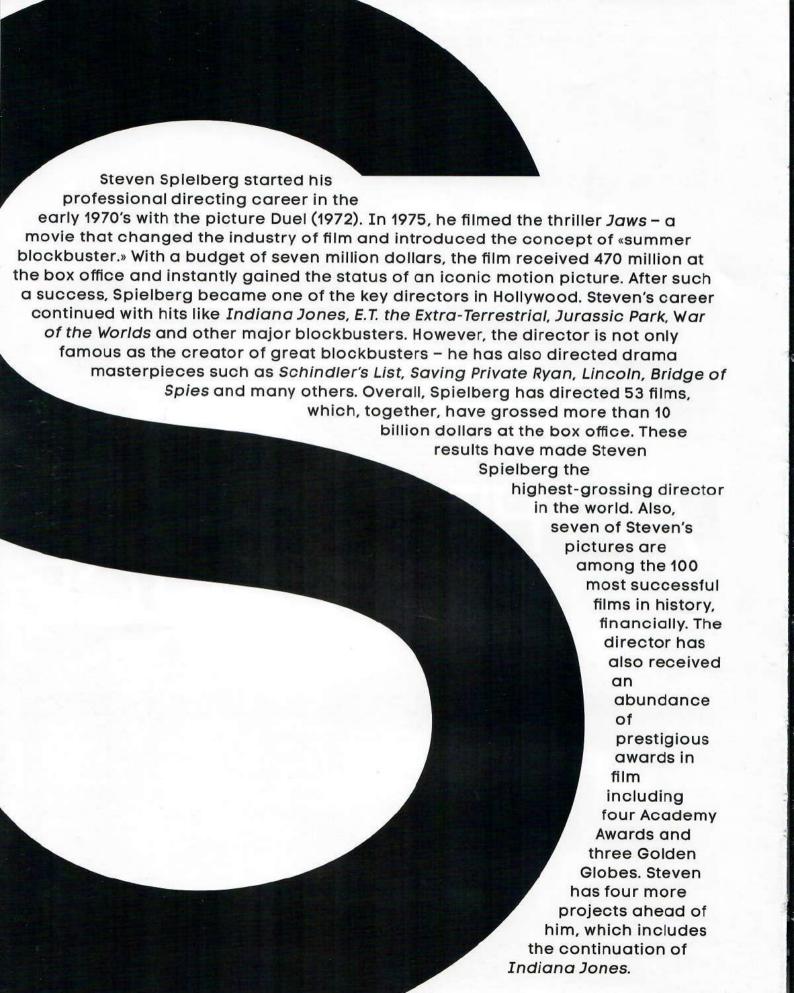


HOLLYWOOD DIRECTOR and PRODUCER The top grossing director in the history of film SPIELBERG The most influential celebrity according to Forbes



LEGACY ATTHEBOX OFFICE

Steven Spielberg contributed greatly to the development of the film culture. Not only is he famous as the creator of blockbusters like Jaws, Indiana Jones, Jurassic Park, but also as a director of dramas like Schindler's List, Saving Private Ryan, Bridge of Spies and many others. Spielberg's industriousness and success (reflected in the 53 movies he directed) turned him into the highest grossing director in the history of film. Steven is also recognized as one of the best directors of all time by many film portals, including IMDb, Top Ten, and others.







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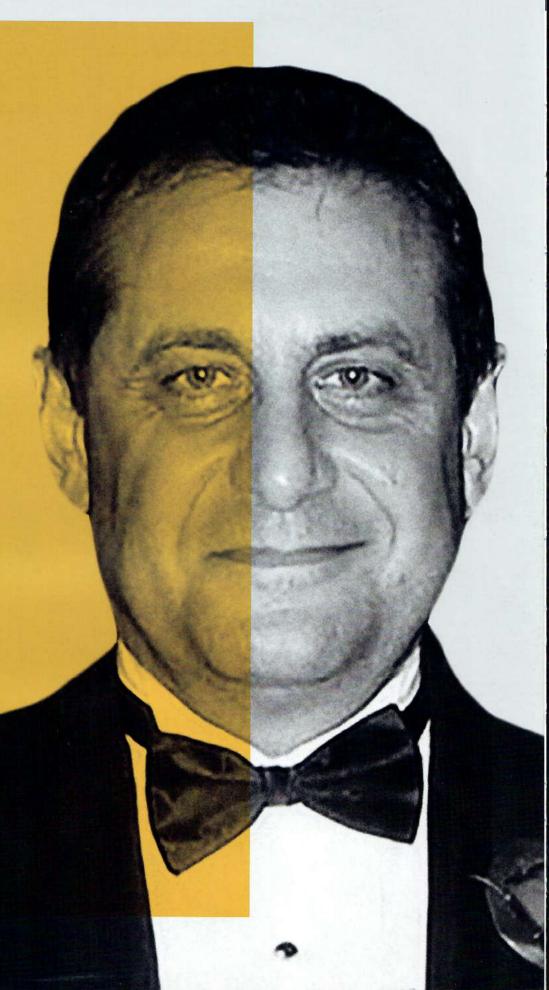
Hollywood was not always the heart of the film industry. To a large extent, the Hollywood we all know today is the accomplishment of Louis Mayer – the man who founded MGM Studios in 1924. While Louis was in charge, MGM became the most successful film company and set the standard for the whole industry. Mayer also gave the world The Academy Awards, or – the Oscars, the most prominent annual event in film. It is no surprise that Louis Mayer was recognized as one of the most influential people of the 20th century by *Time Magazine*.

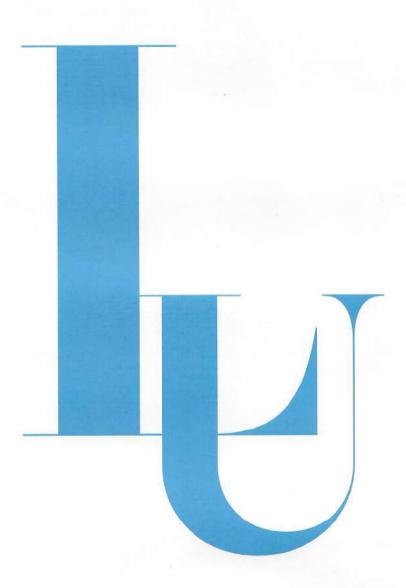


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action sequences in movies like Mission Impossible, Pirates of the Caribbean, Avatar and many others.





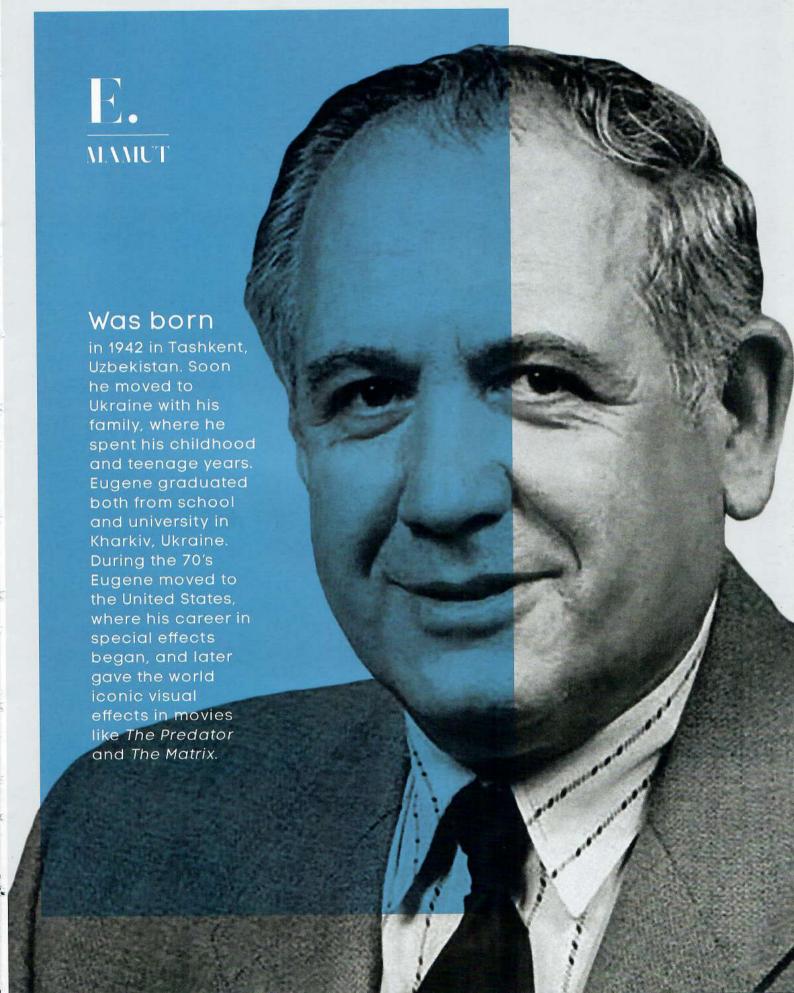


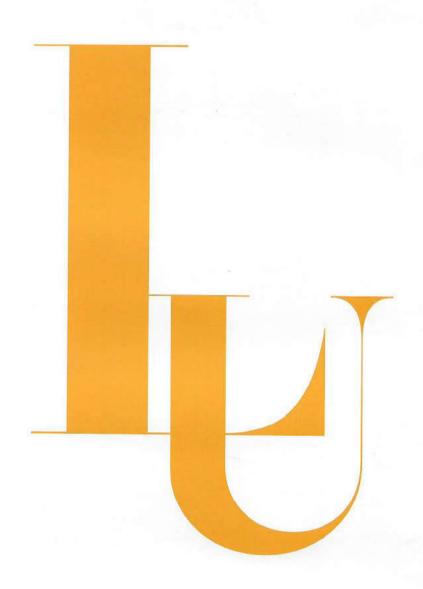


Eugene's talent was creating special effects during a time when computer graphics did not yet exist. Mamut created true magic while simply using his engineering talent. Just the invisibility effect in *Predator* required a one-million-dollar projection printing machine. However, the expenses paid off: the film did great at the box office and became an action classic, while Eugene received an Academy Award for «Best Visual Effects».

Eugene Mamut started his career as an inventor and innovator in the early 1970's in Ukraine: he created the first Soviet 3D animated films; also, he produced cartoons with computer graphics scenes. In 1978, the young inventor moved to the United States, where he began his career as a special effects master. In Hollywood, Mamut actively worked on commercials: he created extraordinary and memorable video clips that boggled the mind. For example, he was the creator of the «stretching effect». In a Renault commercial, the car stretched out on turns and then came back to its normal state.

In 1987, Mamut created visual effects for the Predator, for which he received an Academy Award for Best Visual Effects. That was followed by visual effects for the films Judge Dredd starring Sylvester Stallone, Starship Troopers, The Matrix and many more. Overall, Eugene Mamut has worked on 40 films and 700 commercials. In 2002, along with his wife, Eugene opened a museum called Animagic, dedicated to animation and visual effects. Currently, the inventor not only directs the operation of the museum, but also educates students in animation and visual effects.









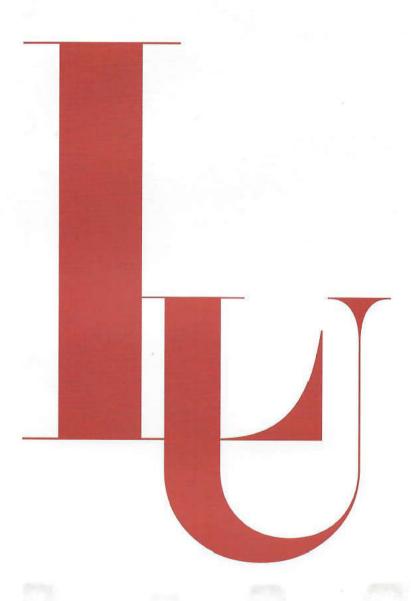
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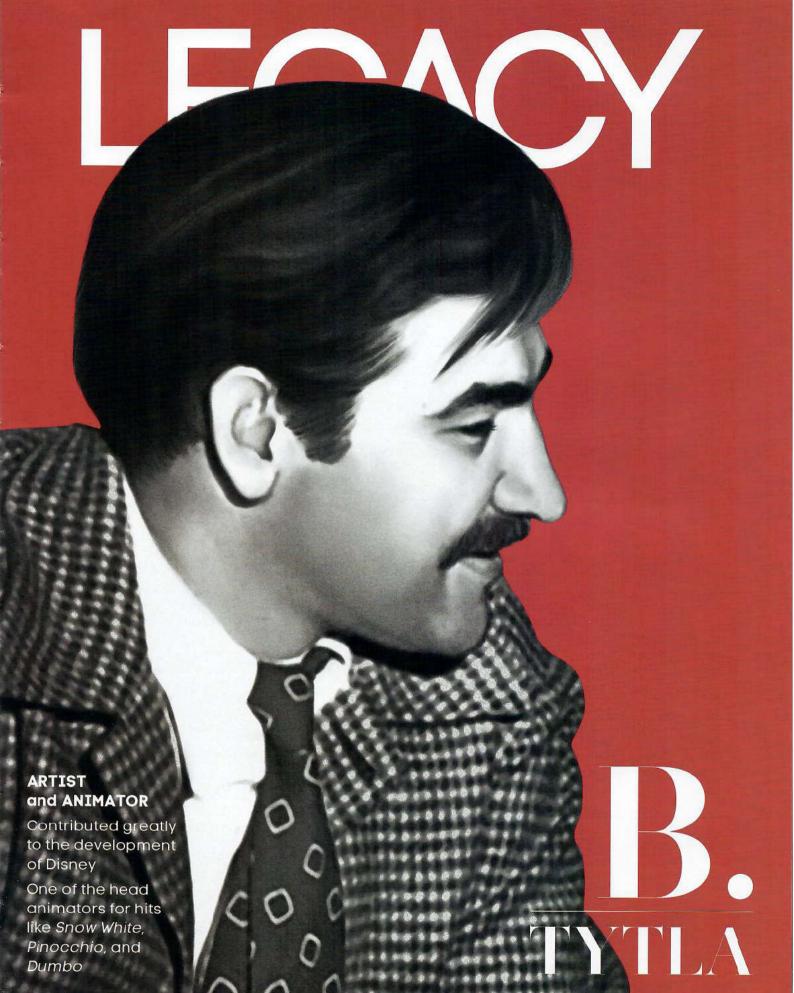
Hollywood was not always the heart of the film industry. To a large extent, the Hollywood we all know today is the accomplishment of Louis Mayer – the man who founded MGM Studios in 1924. While Louis was in charge, MGM became the most successful film company and set the standard for the whole industry. Mayer also gave the world The Academy Awards, or – the Oscars, the most prominent annual event in film. It is no surprise that Louis Mayer was recognized as one of the most influential people of the 20th century by *Time Magazine*.

Louis Bart Mayer started his career in the film industry in the beginning of the 20th century, when he rented and renovated a battle-scarred cinema with the name of Gem Theater – the movie theater was located in Haverhill, U.S. and seated 600 people. In just several years, the young entrepreneur gained ownership of all the cinemas in that city. Then Louis Mayer teamed up with Nathan Gordon to create a partnership called Gordon-Mayer, which controlled the largest film theater chain in New England, U.S. In 1918, Mayer moved to Los Angeles, where his takeoff as a film producer began. In 1924, the legendary Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio was born and grew into Hollywood's leader for many years to come.

Louis Mayer turned MGM into the most financially successful studio of the time and the only one to pay off dividends to the company's shareholders during the Great Depression of the 1930's. It was none other than Mayer who first introduced a new concept of Hollywood stars - stars were not simply actors but also popular media figures. Thanks to Mayer's talent, during the Golden Age of Hollywood many film stars lit up - including Greta Garbo, Clark Gable, Katharine Hepburn, Lon Chaney, Joan Crawford, Judy Garland, etc. At the peak of his career, the producer made another major contribution to the development of the film industry: he was one of the main inspirers and creators of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. That is the academy that presents the most important award ceremony in film - the Oscars, which is watched annually by millions around the world. In 1951, Louis Mayer himself was presented with an Academy Honorary Award for heading MGM for over 25 years.





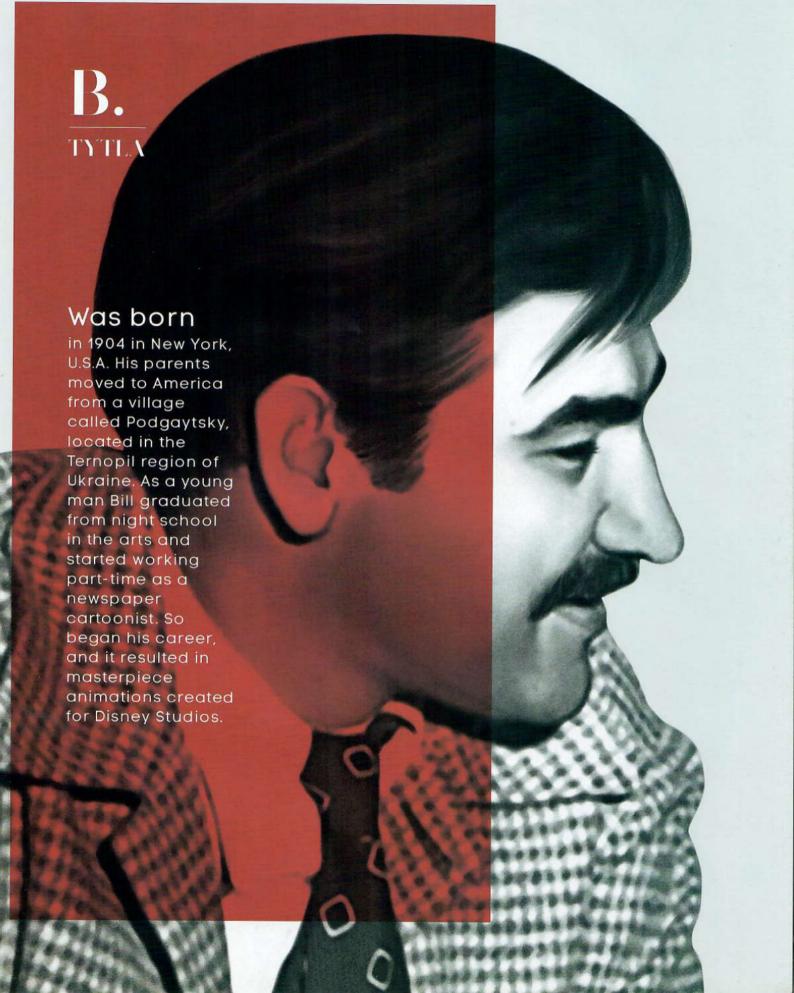




Bill Tytla was the lead animator of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs – Disney's first feature animation hit. Tytla was also the animation director for Pinocchio and Dumbo – animated films that turned into classics in the world of cinematography. The characters Bill created turned out so colorful, so «living and breathing» that his colleagues named him the Michelangelo of animation; it is no wonder that Tytla is considered to be one of the greatest animators of all time.

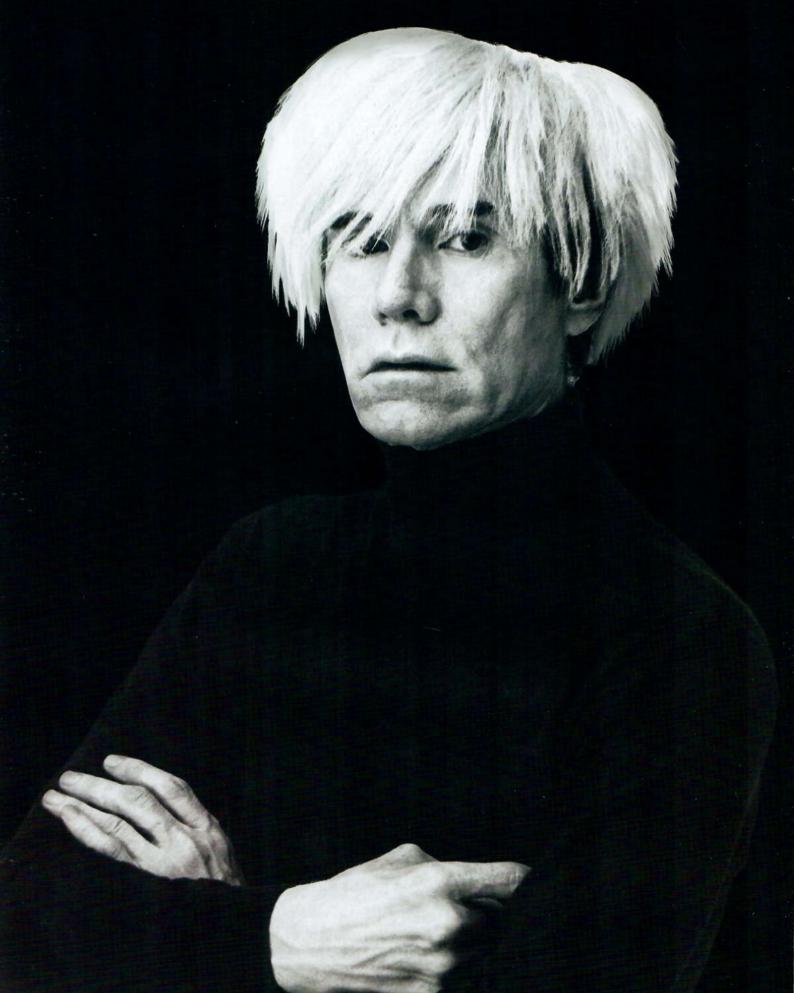
Bill Tytla started his career as an artist and animator while still a teenager. At the age of 16, Bill worked at Paramount Pictures, where he created title cards for films – title cards being text inserts within a movie. In 1929, he went to Paris to improve his professional skills and become a top-tier animator. After returning to the U.S., Bill continued working for Paramount until Walt Disney offered him a job in 1934.

In 1935, Bill began working on Snow
White – Disney's first animated feature film.
The animator was able to endow the
characters with a personality and make them
come alive – it seemed as if he did not just draw
the character on paper, but rather lived through
that character's own life. That had its benefits:
Snow White premiered in 1937 and was a howling
success. The animated motion picture was the
most successful sound film at the time and
received an Academy Honorary Award in 1939.
Later, Tytla continued working at Disney and
channeled his efforts into the creation of hits
like Dumbo, Pinocchio and Fantasia.









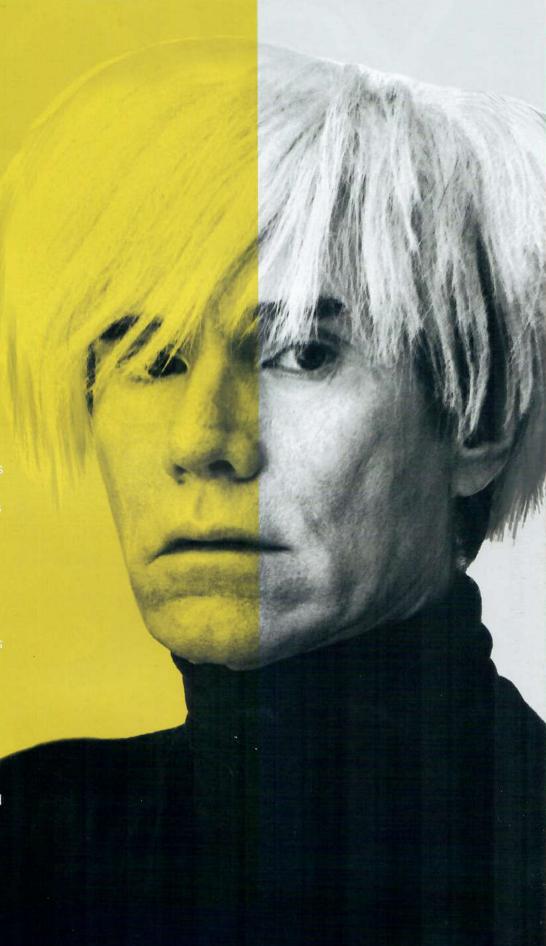
Andy Warhol contributed greatly to the formation and development of modern-day art. His works have come to be the symbol of pop art, while Andy himself was rightfully proclaimed the king of this artistic movement. Today, Warhol's works are revered all around the world, and their prices reach as high as a hundred million dollars. In fact, even the Queen of England added four portraits of herself, rendered by the king of pop art, to the royal collection.

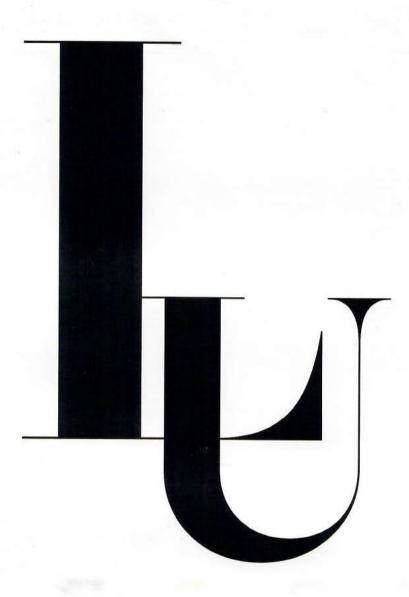


A. WARHOL

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reputation as the king of pop-art and a legend of modern arts.



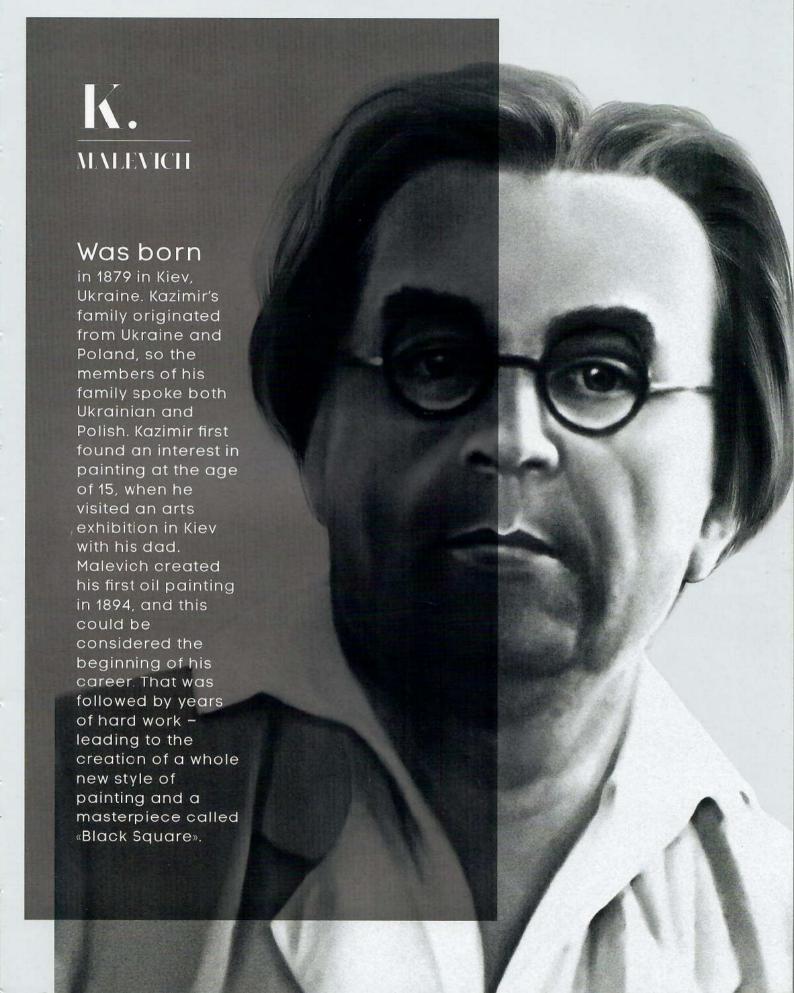


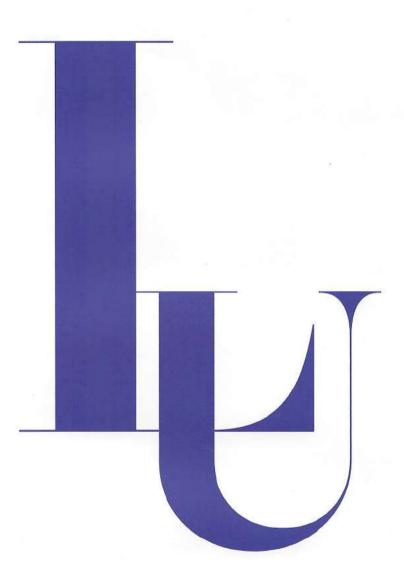


LEGACY THE MOST POPULAR SQUARE INTHE WORLD

Kazimir Malevich revolutionized the world of painting and art by recognizing form and color as the key aspects of a composition, and thus not only did he inspire artists around the world, but he also contributed greatly to the development of painting, architecture and design. Kazimir's Black Square became a true symbol of abstract art and many of the artist's other works are some of the most expensive in this movement. To illustrate the point, in May of 2018 Kazimir Malevich's Suprematist Composition painting was sold in New York at the Christie's auction for 85 million dollars – a record price for a Ukrainian piece of art.

Kazimir Malevich began his career in art at the beginning of the 20th century. After studying the basics of academism. Malevich realized that his views were drastically different from traditional painting. He was inspired by folk art specifically, by ethnic embroidery of peasant women - and created a new movement in art called Suprematism, which means «superior». Malevich considered colors and simple geometric figures to be superior. The Suprematism movement revolutionized visual arts and made Malevich famous among artists and collectors around the world. Apart from being talented in painting, Malevich was also able to use his vision in other areas: he created fabric designs, developed perfume bottle shapes, created architectural designs and even introduced new words - the Russian word for «weightlessness» («HEBECOMOCTb») was coined by him. Today, Kazimir Malevich's works are found in the museums of 25 countries including England, U.S., France, Germany, Netherlands, etc. Overall, there have been 13 solo exhibitions of Kazimir's art, the last of which was held in Europe in 2014. where 400 of his works from 44 private owners were presented.









LEGACY ABSTRACTART

Sonia Delaunay contributed greatly to the development of painting, design and fashion. Together with her husband, Robert Delaunay, she created a new movement in art – orphism, which is characterized by bright circles and disks of contrasting colors that create a feeling of motion and rhythm. Sonia influenced the fashion industry by creating some of Vogue's first covers. The artist's paintings inspired designers like Yves Saint Laurent, Dean and Dan Caten (Dsquared brand) and many other figures in fashion.









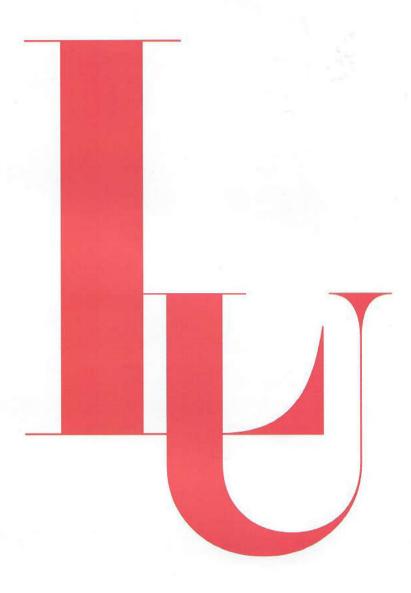


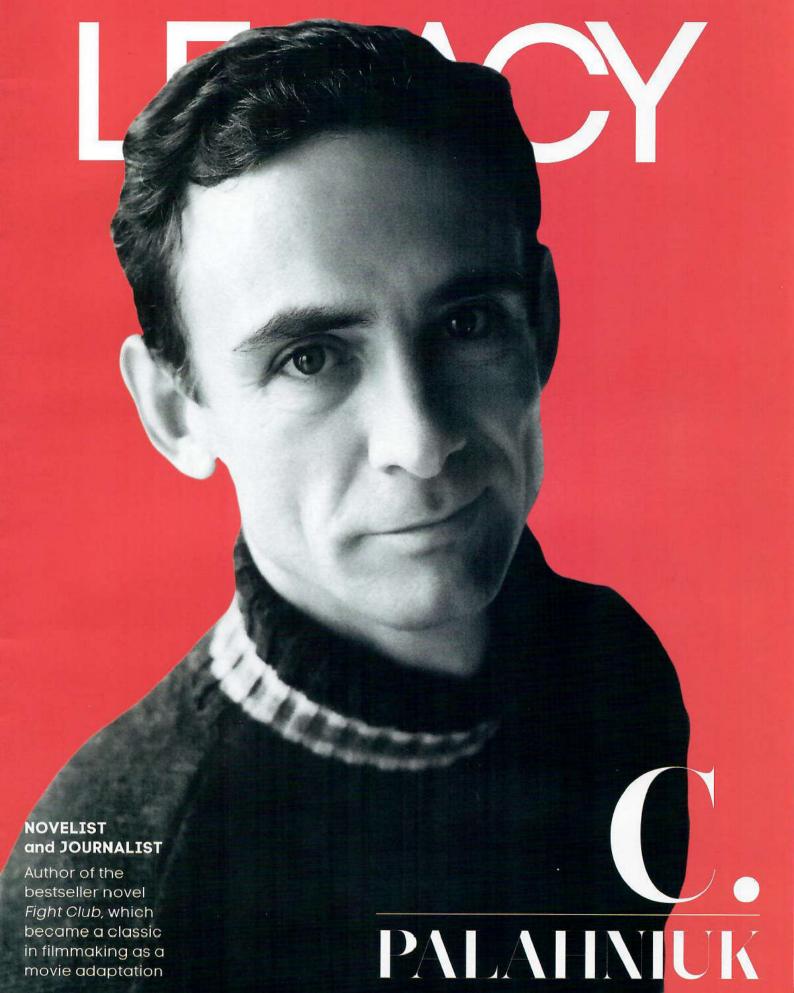
LEGACY THE LOGO FOR A BRAND WITH A BILLION-DOLLAR INCOME

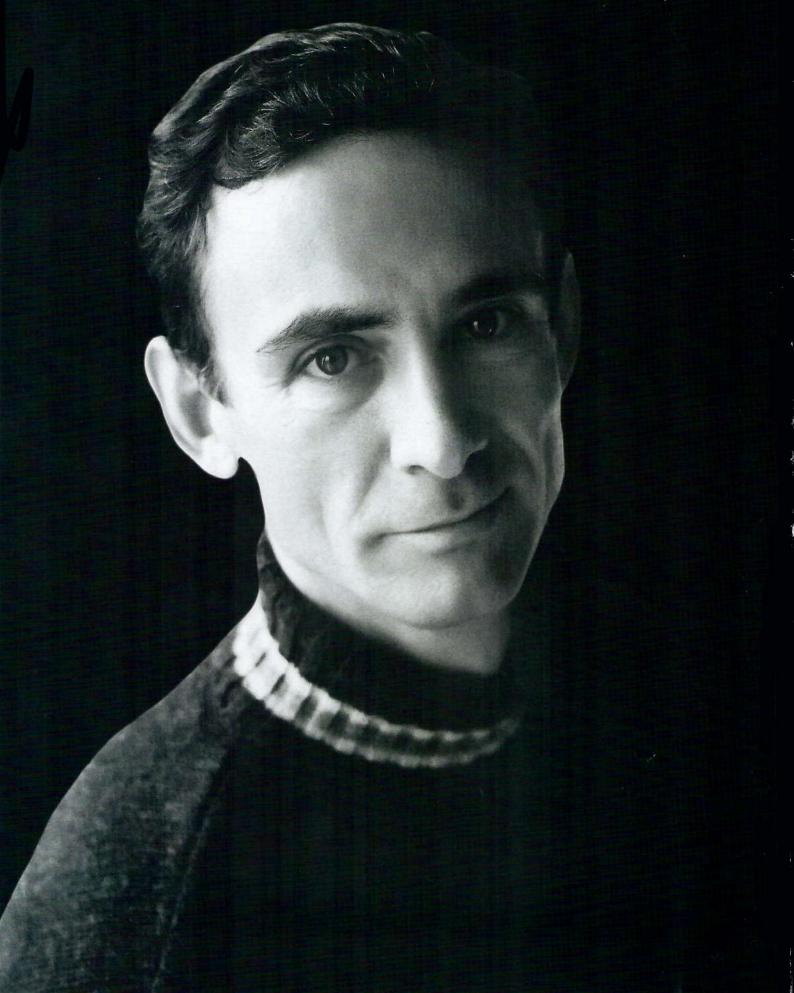
Adolphe Mouron was recognized as a master of commercial posters and always approached their creation, as well as the creation of logos, as if they were true works of art. That is why his works are not simply an illustration of good marketing, but are a true example of graphic art as well. This is proven by the iconic Yves Saint Laurent logo, which Mouron created in 1963. The logo itself was executed in an elegant and graceful manner, with attention to detail, and for over 50 years it has been representing a brand with a billion-dollar annual income.







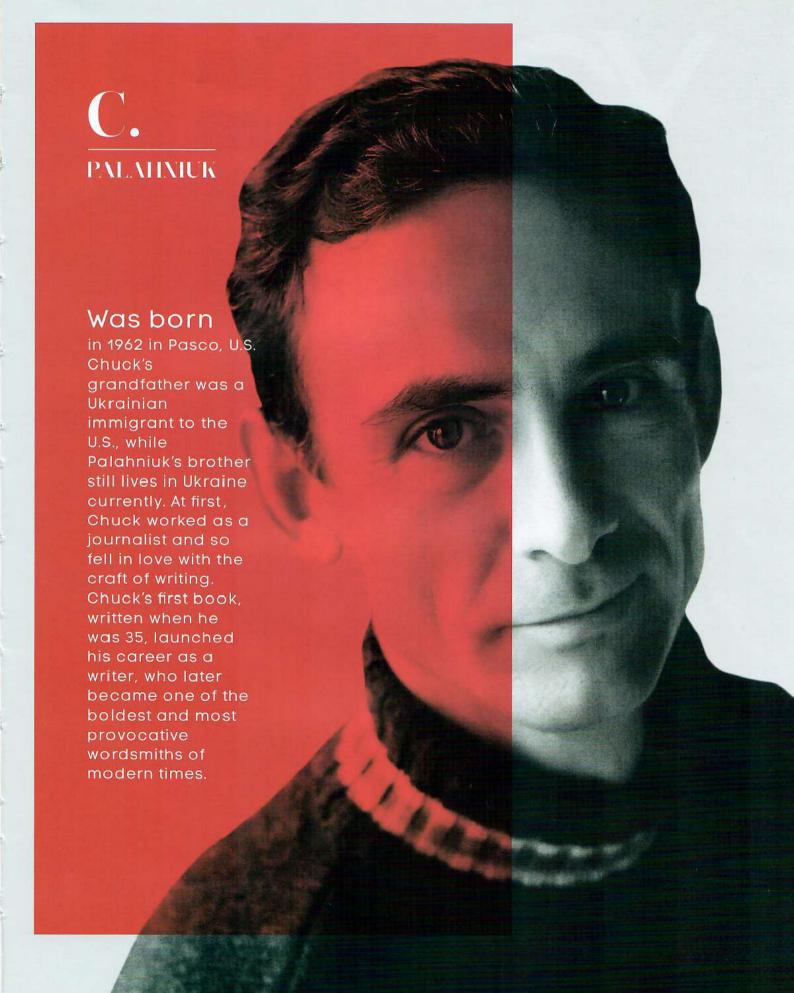




LEGACY ANICONIC STORY FOR ANICONIC FILM ADAPTATION

Chuck Palahniuk wrote the Fight Club novel as a protest against publishers, who had said that his books would never get published. Eventually, Palahniuk turned into an iconic writer of today, while his works became modern classics. The film adaptation of Fight Club is deemed to be one of the best works of director David Fincher. Also, IMDb (the main film portal), the Time magazine and other sources list it as one of the best movies ever made.











LEGACY LEGACY AINCHEM ANTHEM

Composed by Mykola Leontovych, «Shchedryk» is an incredible musical creation that became an irreplaceable part and a symbol of Christmas. When the melody created by the Ukrainian composer reached the U.S., it instantly became a hit. For over 100 years now, this magical music has been awakening the spirit of Christmas. Also, multiple versions of the song have been created throughout this time – for example, in 2011 one such version of «Shchedryk» reached the 20th spot on the Billboard Top 200 chart.

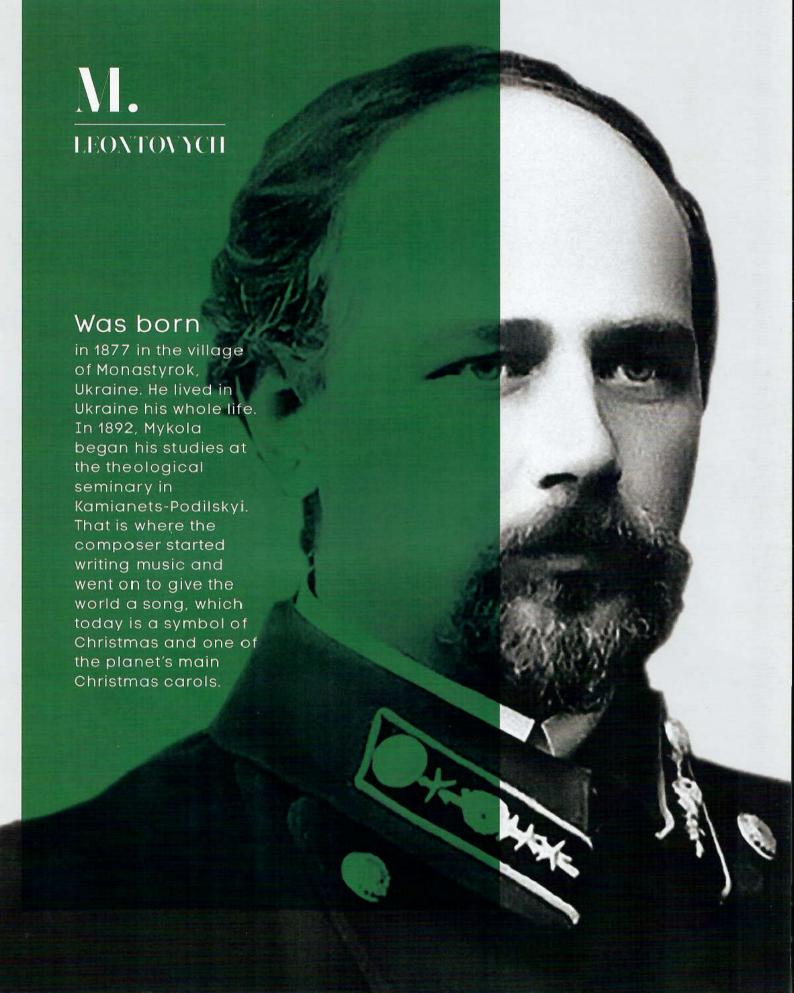
Mykola Leontovych started his career as a musician at the end of the 19th century. He graduated from the Kamianets-Podilskyi Theological Seminary, where he studied music theory and choir music, mastered the violin, the piano and certain wind instruments and where he also began working on new arrangements

for folk

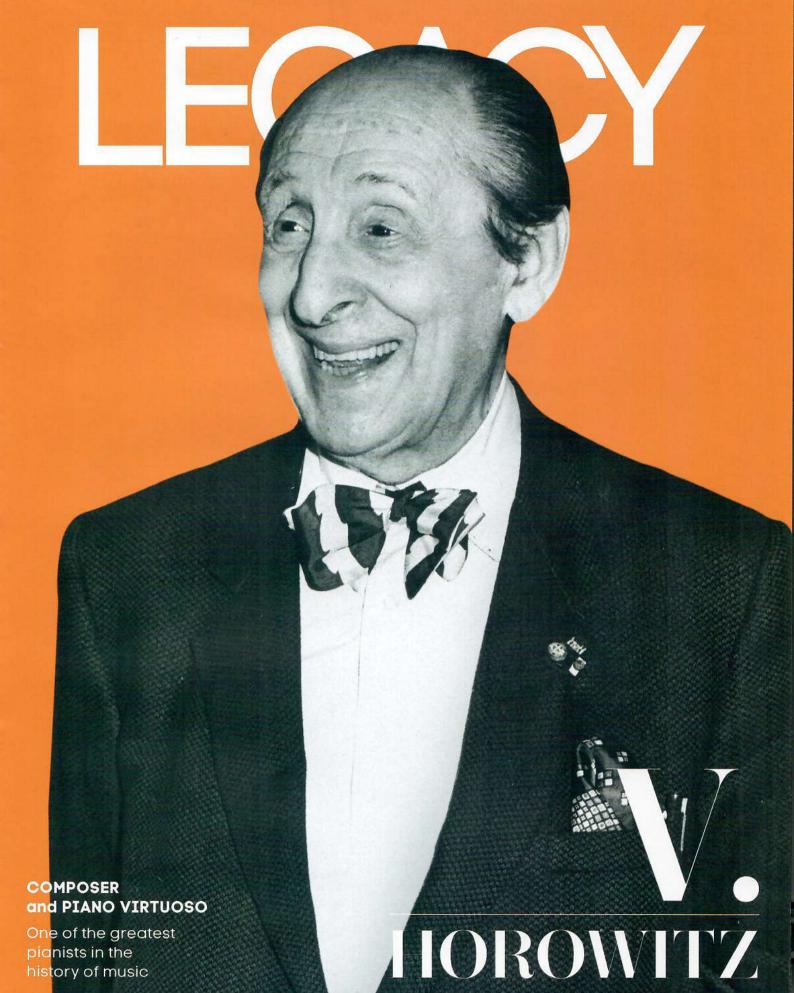
melodies.

In 1901, he already released his first compilation of folk songs. Over the following decade, the composer taught music and choral singing while also working on his own personal skills. During

this time, Leontovych created the first variation of the «Shchedryk» composition, which brought him worldwide fame. Mykola worked on the world's main Christmas carol almost his entire life: the first version of the song was written in 1901, the second – in 1906-1908, the third and fourth – in 1914 and 1916 respectively and, finally, the fifth and last version was composed in 1919! In 1921, «Shchedryk» was first performed in the U.S. at a Carnegie Hall concert in New York. The song quickly gained popularity and was soon played on major radio stations of the country. In 1936, a radio host from NBC wrote English lyrics for the composition and called it Carol of the Bells. This is how the song got its second wind and has remained the main Christmas carol for millions of people to this day.



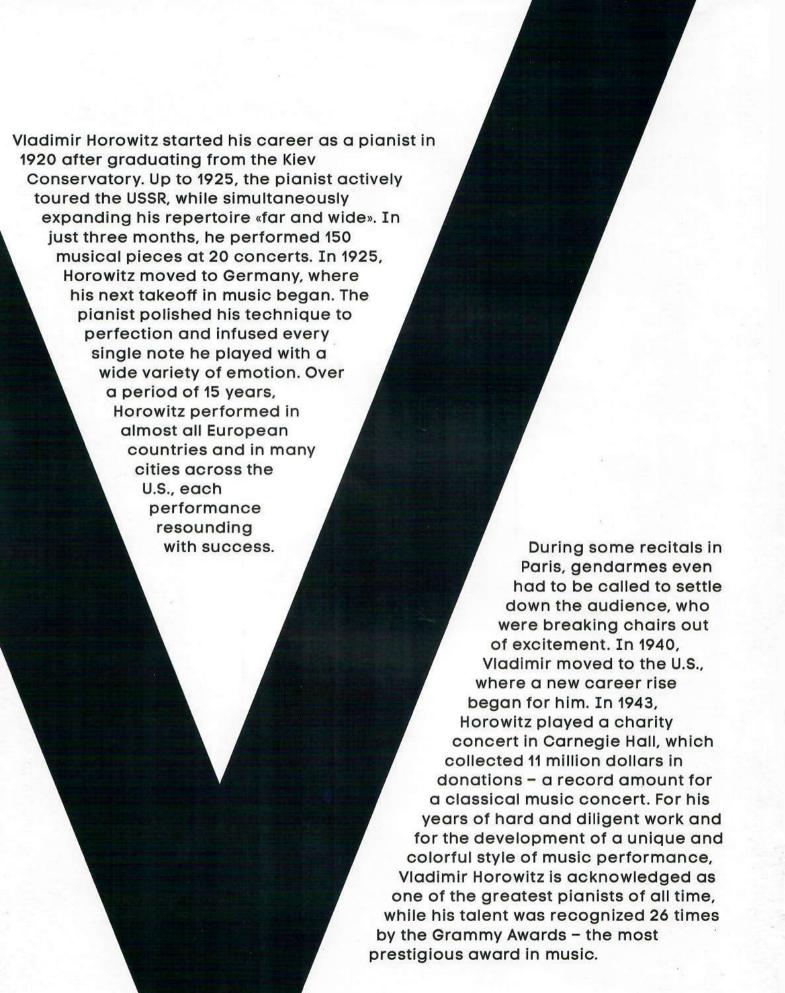


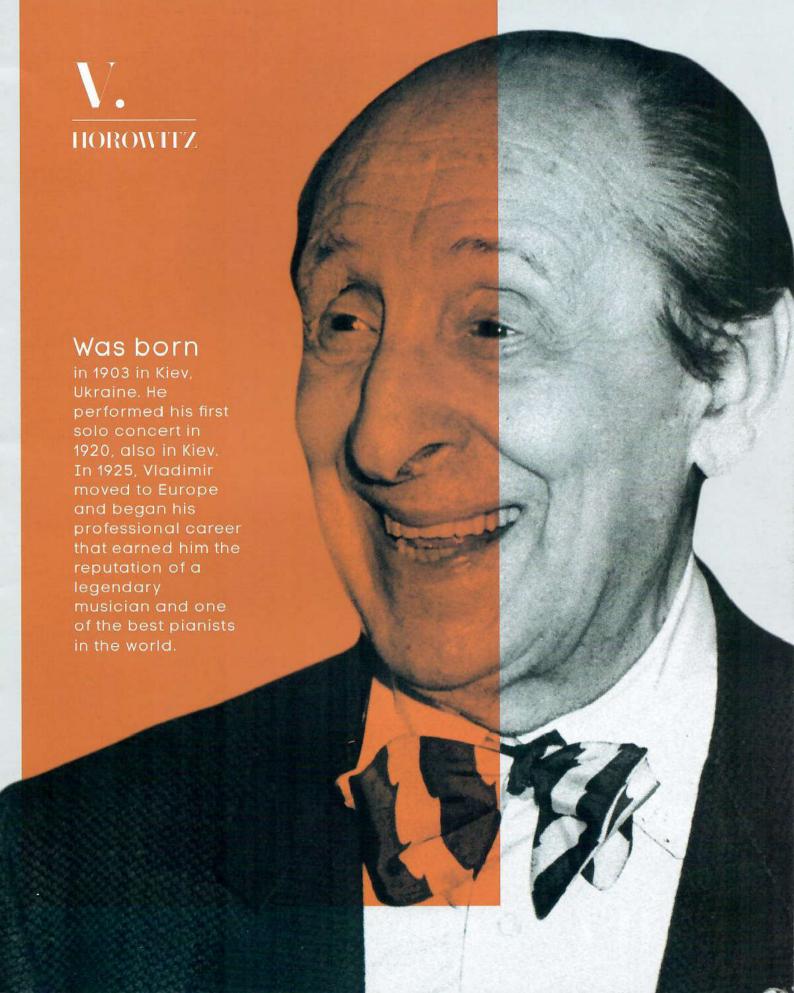


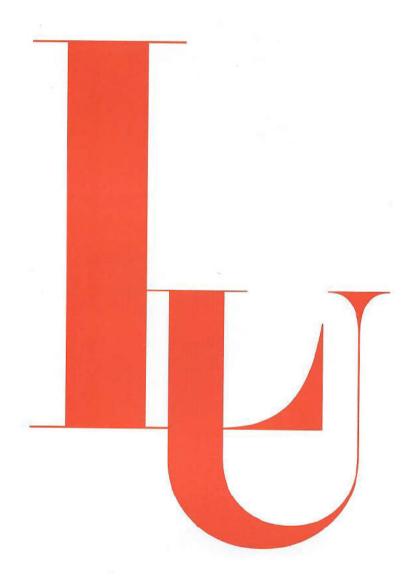


LEGACY AMUSIC LEGEND WITH TWENTY-SIX GRAMMYS

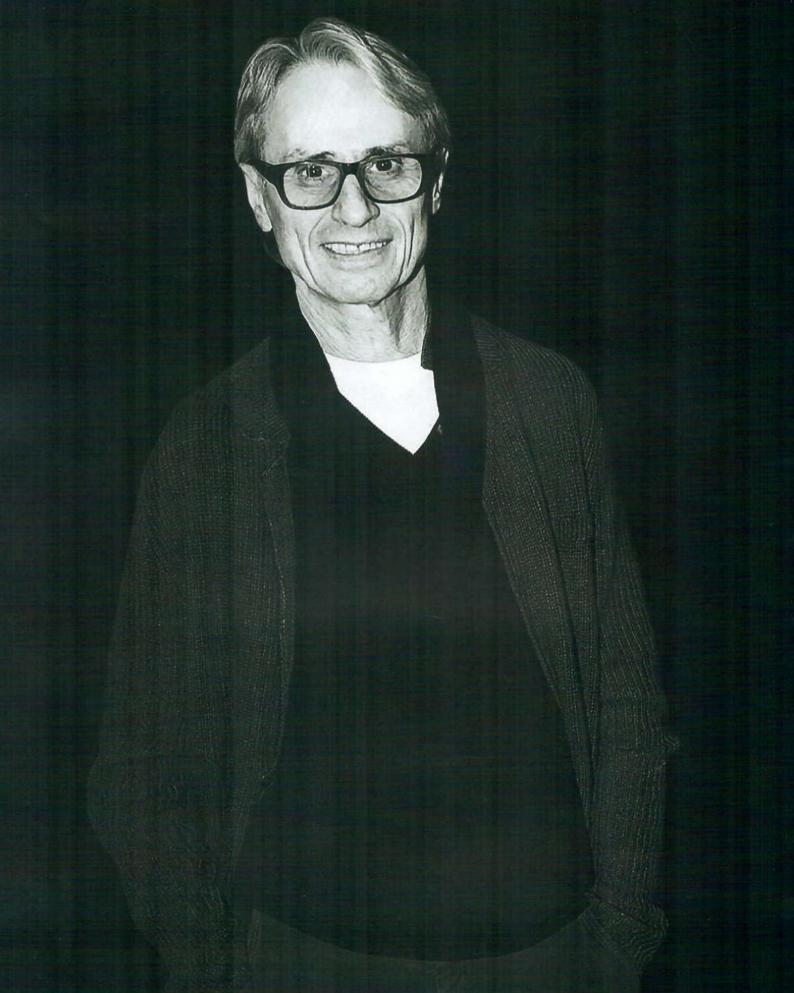
Vladimir Horowitz – a piano virtuoso, who is recognized as a true luminary in music. Listeners marveled at his masterful playing technique and the emotional power and vigor his music radiated. Vladimir ended up becoming one of the biggest record holders in music by winning 26 Grammy Awards. The pianist also received eight high accolades from other prestigious music award organizations.











LEGACY THIRTY-THREE SUCCESSFUL COMPOSER

Roman Zagorodnyuk dedicated his whole life to music. Throughout his life, Roman authored an abundance of compositions, wrote soundtracks for 16 films, organized more than 100 concerts and shows, and also fruitfully worked together with the Venice Symphony Orchestra and composed the anthem of Venice

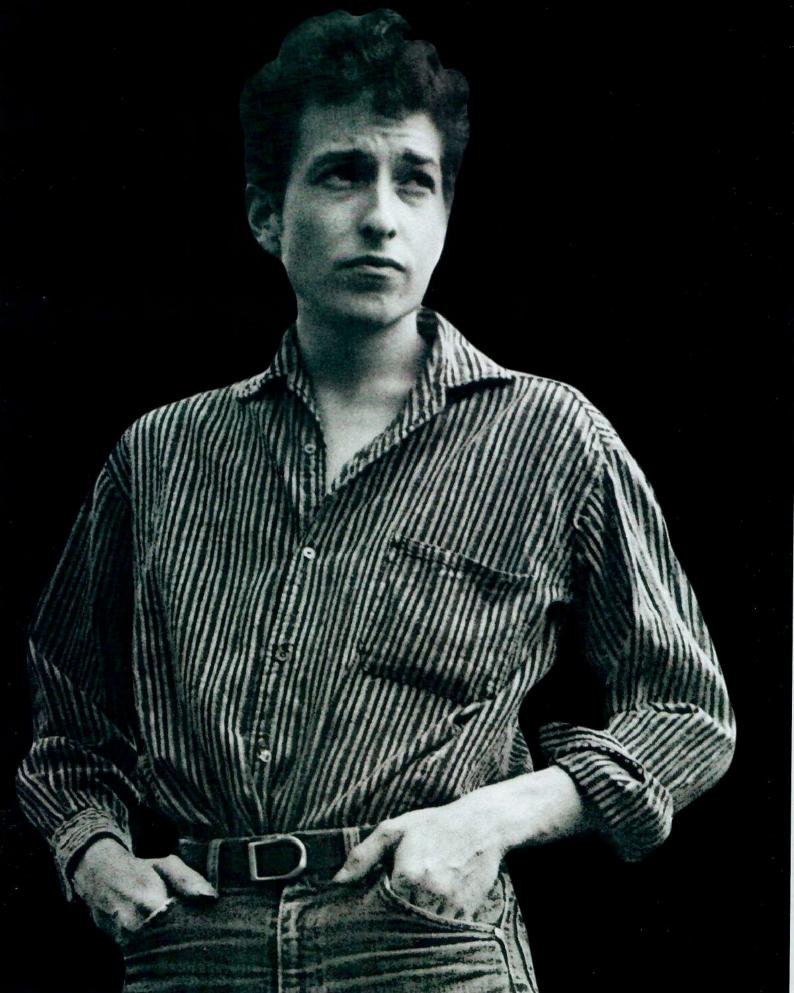
Roman Zagorodnyuk started his career in 1985, when he joined a music band called Grand Hotel. During the mid-1980's, Roman collaborated with film producers and fellow musicians as a composer. In 1986, Zagorodnyuk began composing for the French television channel - Canal+. In 1989, Roman became the composer for Mosfilm - one of the largest film studios in Europe. From 1969 to 1999, Roman worked as the musical producer and director of a club called Beverly Hills owned by famous Hollywood actor Chuck Norris. Together with Chuck, Roman organized 120 concerts and shows featuring Russian and international stars.

> From 2000 to 2005, Zagorodnyuk worked with Barrandov Studios in Prague, also as a composer. In 2016, Roman commenced his collaboration with Venice Symphony Orchestra and created the anthem of Venice. Overall, throughout his career Roman Zagorodnyuk wrote soundtracks for 16 films. created tens of musical compositions and organized hundreds of concerts and shows.







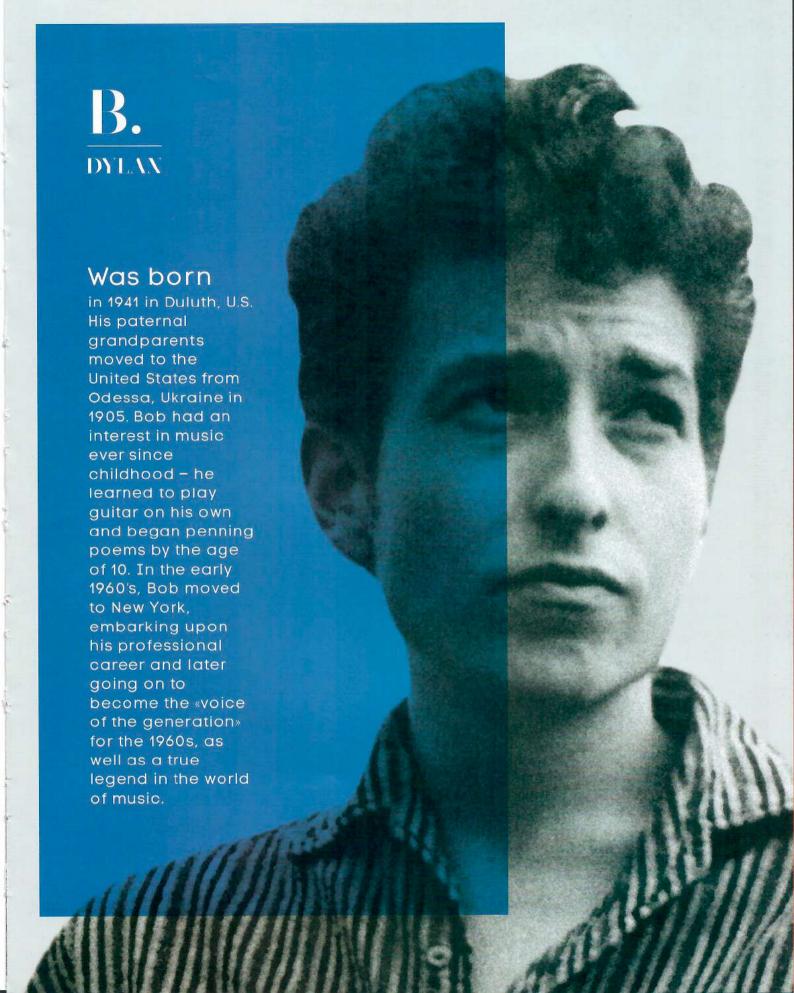


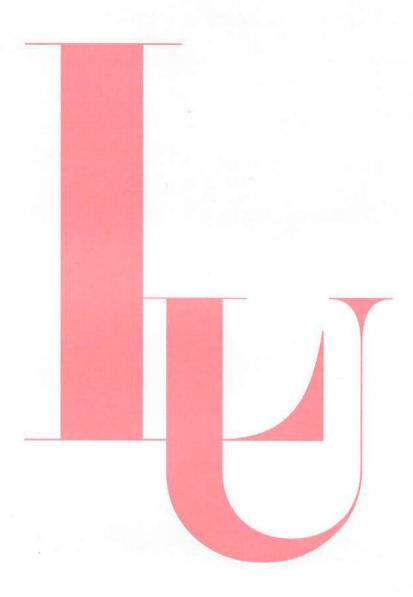
LEGACY THE VOICE GENERATION

Bob Dylan is a songwriter, poet and musician, who heavily influenced the world of music and culture in general. Throughout his career, Bob Dylan recorded 38 albums and hundreds of songs, worked as a composer for films and wrote multiple books as well. In 2017, Bob Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for «having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition».

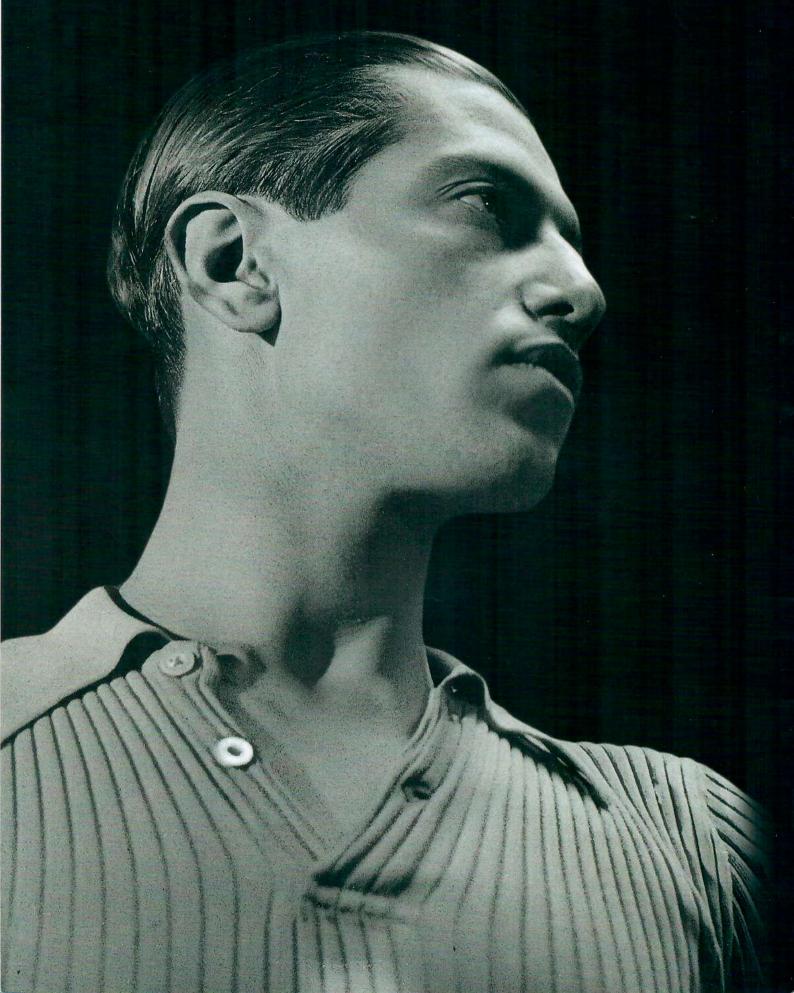
Bob Dylan started his career in music in the 1960's. The '60s were especially productive for Dylan: during this time, the musician released nine albums, became an icon for millions and was proclaimed the «voice of the generation». The following decades opened up new horizons for the singer: he experimented with sound, wrote books, poems and recorded film soundtracks. In fact, Dylan wrote the soundtrack for Wonder Boys – a comedy drama released in 2000.

The musician was awarded an Oscar for his song in the movie. Moreover, Bob Dylan was the winner of 12 Grammy Awards and was also inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame. In 2016, Bob Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature «for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition». The musician became the second person in history to receive both an Academy Award and the Nobel Prize - but the only person in history to have been inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of fame and hold 12 Grammy Awards in addition to the other two prestigious awards. Also, Time magazine included Bob Dylan into the Time 100: The Most Important People of the Century list.



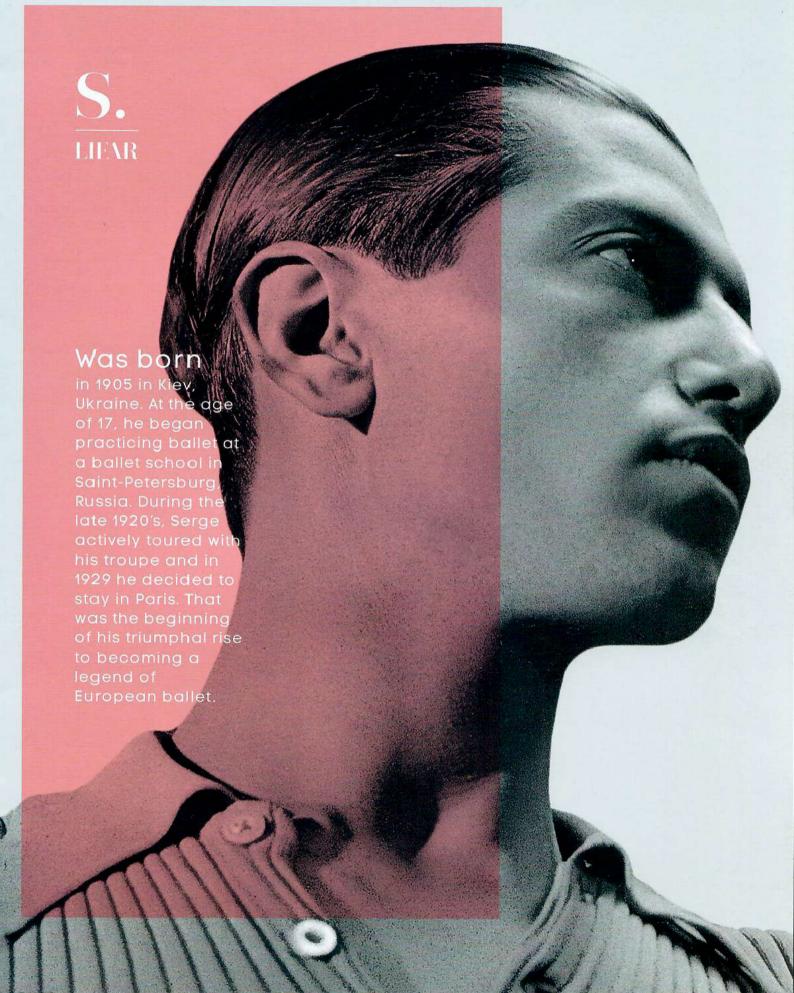






Serge Lifar is a true legend of ballet, who left a vast imprint in this beautiful form of art. He produced 200 performances, «brought up» 11 ballet stars, founded the Paris University of Dance and taught a course on the history and theory of dance in the Sorbonne University. Lifar also wrote 20 books on the history and theory of classical dancing.











LEGACY VISUAL MUSIC PERFORMANCES

Barbara Karinska lived a long and exciting life and left a tremendous legacy in the world of design and fashion. In the beginning of the 20th century, Barbara worked in Europe – creating costumes for European ballet. At the age of 53, she moved to the U.S. and gave a fresh new start to her career. In the U.S., Barbara created costumes for the New York City Ballet over a period of 40 years, receiving the first ever Academy Award for Best Costume Design and forever changing the world of ballet fashion. A New York Times critic laconically called her costumes «visual music».

Barbara Karinska started her career in the middle of the 20th century. In 1939, Karinska moved to the U.S., where her career truly took off. In America, Karinska began working with New York City Ballet, which was to become her life's pursuit: over the course of her life, Barbara created exceptional and incomparable costumes for 75 ballet performances, becoming NCYB's main costume designer in the process.

One very significant accomplishment during this period was the creation of an absolutely new ballet tutu, where Barbara replaced the metal frame with chiffon. This tutu revolutionized the world of ballet fashion and is still used in ballet performances all over the world. Karinska also actively worked with the Hollywood industry, creating costumes for major motion pictures. Barbara Karinska received the first ever Academy Award for Best Costume Design, for her costumes in Joan of Arc in 1948. In 1962 Barbara Karinska won the Capezio Dance Award for her contribution to the art of dance, becoming the first and only designer to have received this award.

B. KARIXSKA

Was born

in 1886 in Kharkiv, Ukraine. In the mid 1920's, Barbara and later came to New York towards the end of the 1930's. It was in the Big Apple that she started her professional career as a costume presenting costumes to the world that were worn in the best of ballet performances and winning films.









LEGENDS

Nudie Cohn created one of the most expensive stage costumes of the 1950's for Elvis Presley: a gold jumpsuit decorated with rhinestones – worth 100 thousand dollars. After such stellar work with the king of rock & roll, other stars lined up for Nudie's studio as well: actor John Wayne, future president Ronald Reagan, musicians John Lennon, Cher and Elton John. Eventually, Nudie Cohn turned into an icon – an icon that a whole generation of country and rock & roll would be hard to imagine without.

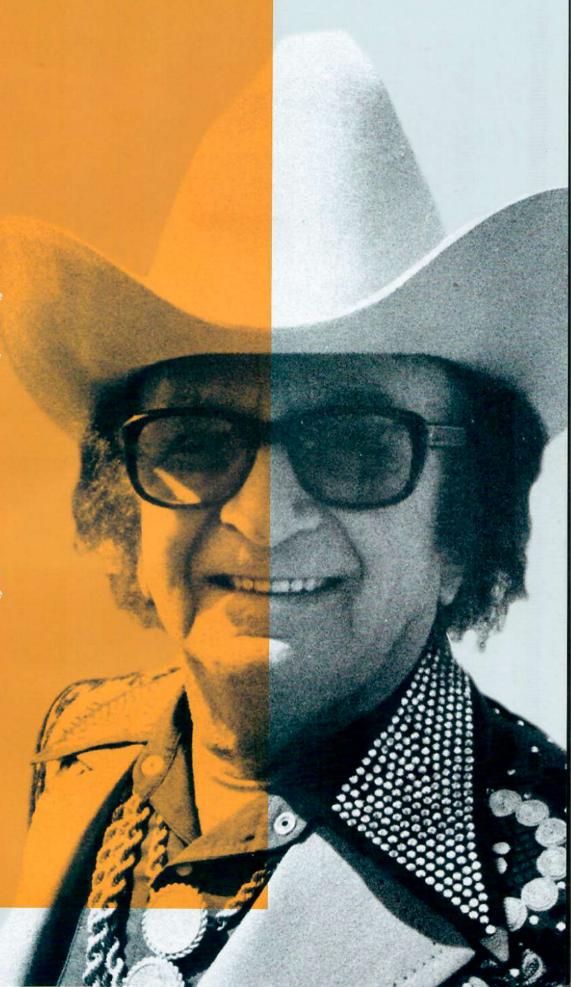
Nudie Cohn started his career as a designer and couturier during the 1940's. He created costumes for dancers and beginner country musicians. Soon the designer's fame grew and led him to Los Angeles: in the city of angels, Nudie Cohn began receiving orders from Hollywood stars, famous singers and millionaires. During the late 1950's, Nudie created the most important costume of his career: Elvis Presley's golden jumpsuit that Elvis wore for the cover photo of his

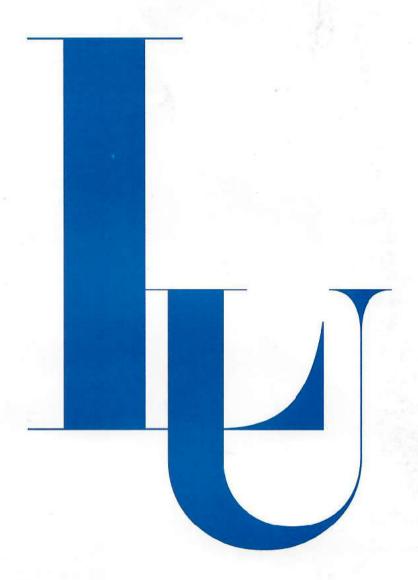
After Nudie had album. worked with the king of rock & roll, celebrities lined up for the fashion designer: John Lennon, Cher, Elton John - that is but a fraction of stars who wanted to get their own costume made by Nudie. Nudie's couturier talent exceeded the creation of costumes. During the 1950's, the designer decided to start tuning cars: he decorated bumpers with buffalo horns, encrusted doors with coins, installed revolvers as door handles and decked car interiors with bright colorful fabrics. Throughout his career, Nudie Cohn created an abundance of striking images and looks, which became a true visual symbol for the era of country and rock & roll.

N. COHX

Was born

Ukraine. By the age









Maurice Podoloff founded the NBA – the main league of basketball, with an eight-billion-dollar income. NBA is the third sports league in the world by revenue, yielding only to the NFL (American football) and MLB (baseball). NBA is the league that gave this world athletes like Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, LeBron James and many other stars of basketball. All these players received the NBA Most Valuable Player (MVP) award – an award named after a basketball legend and the first president of the NBA – Maurice Podoloff (the Maurice Podoloff Trophy).

Maurice Podoloff started his career as a sports executive during the mid-1920's. Together with his brothers, he bought and renovated an abandoned sports arena in the city of New Haven, Connecticut. Soon Podoloff bought the New Haven Eagles hockey team, whose games were held on that recently renovated arena.

Successful management of the team allowed the administrator to take on an important role in a newly established hockey league (now known as the American Hockey League) and later become its president.

Nevertheless,
Podoloff did
not limit himself
to one kind of
sport and decided
to use his
management talent
and skills in basketball
as well – the game was
gaining popularity at the

time. In 1946, Podoloff became the president of the newly founded Basketball Association of America (BAA). In 1949, Maurice successfully negotiated the merge of the BAA and the National Basketball League (NBL) into one – the National Basketball Association (NBA). His hard work was the key factor in the development and success of the recently merged league during those hard times. In his 17 years of being the president of the NBA, Podoloff expanded the number of participating teams from 11 to 17, introduced a series of key rules including the 24-second rule (which helped increase the game's tempo) and finally singed the first television contract in the history of basketball. For his achievements, Maurice Podoloff was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.







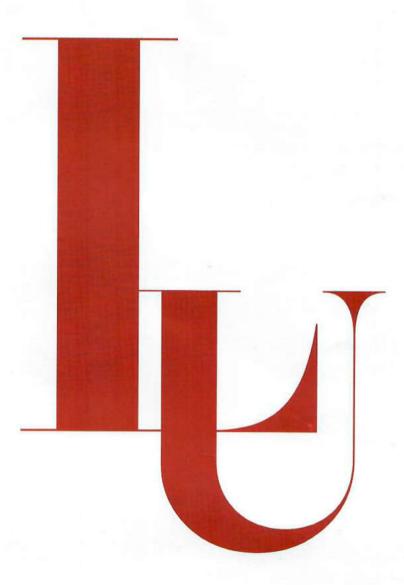


LEGACY SIXTYUNBEATEN RECORDS INTHENHL

Wayne Gretzky – one of the greatest hockey players of all time. His achievements boggle the mind, while the majority of his records remain unbeaten to this day. Throughout his career, Wayne scored 894 goals, collected 2 857 points, won the most prestigious individual award in the NHL, the Hart Memorial Trophy, 8 times in a row – and as a result, embedded his name into the history of hockey forever.











LEGACY THE BEST PUNCHER THE HEAVY VEIGHT DIVISION

Vitali Klitschko firmly engraved his name into the history of boxing. He swiftly climbed to the peak of the sport and set impressive world records. Vitali fought in 47 professional boxing bouts, of which he won 45. Not only was he recognized as the best puncher of the heavyweight division according to the World Boxing Council, but he was also added to the Guinness Book of World Records as the first heavyweight champion of the world who won 26 fights by knockout. Previously, the record belonged to Mike Tyson.

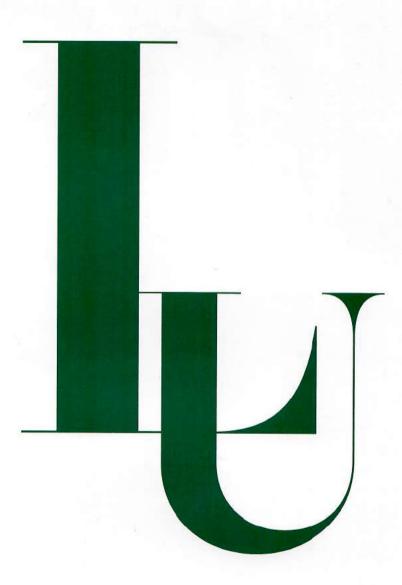


V. KLITSCHKO

Was born

in 1971 in a small town called Belovodskoye, in Soviet Kyrgyzstan. Vitali grew up in a family of military traditions: his father was a Major General in the Ukrainian Air Force, so they moved around often. During the early 1980's, Klitschko's family lived in Czechoslovakia, and in 1984 they settled in Ukraine. As a child, Vitali practiced kickboxing but then moved on to boxing itself, where he began the climb to the peak of his chosen sport.



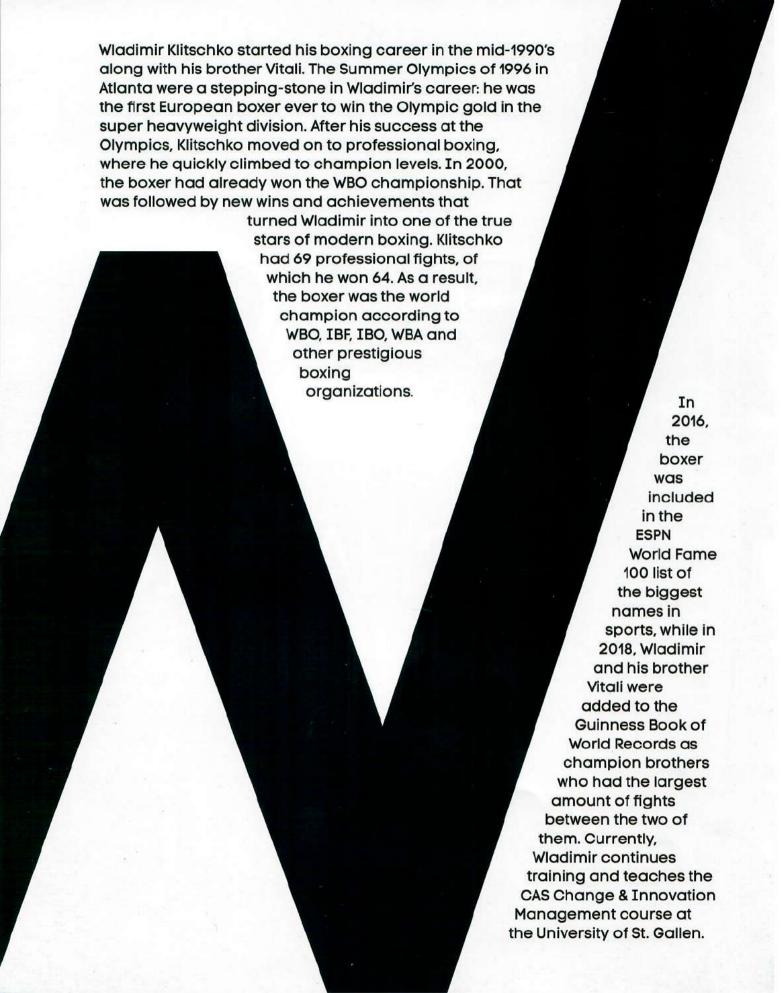


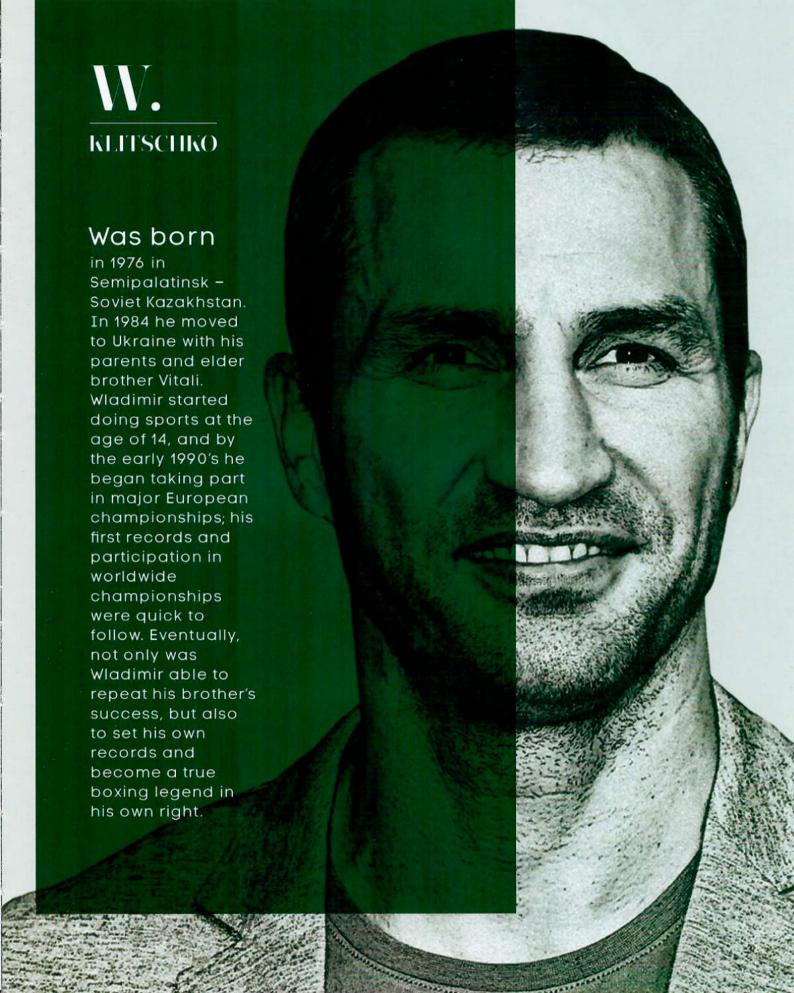




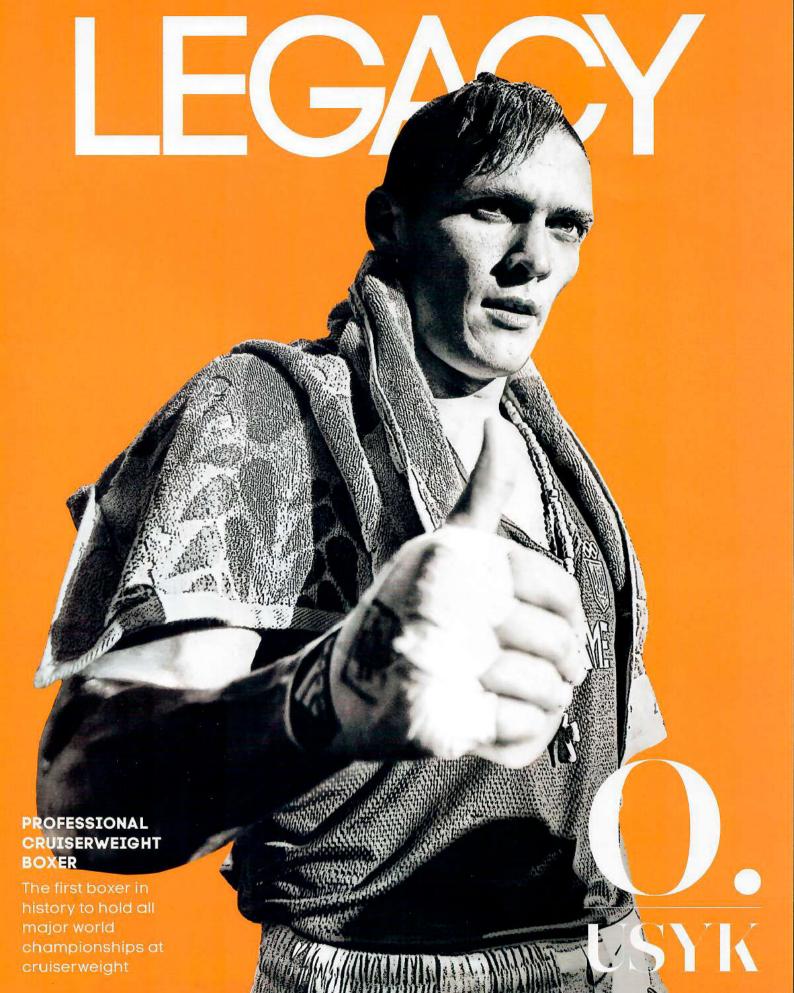
LEGACY AS CHAMPION

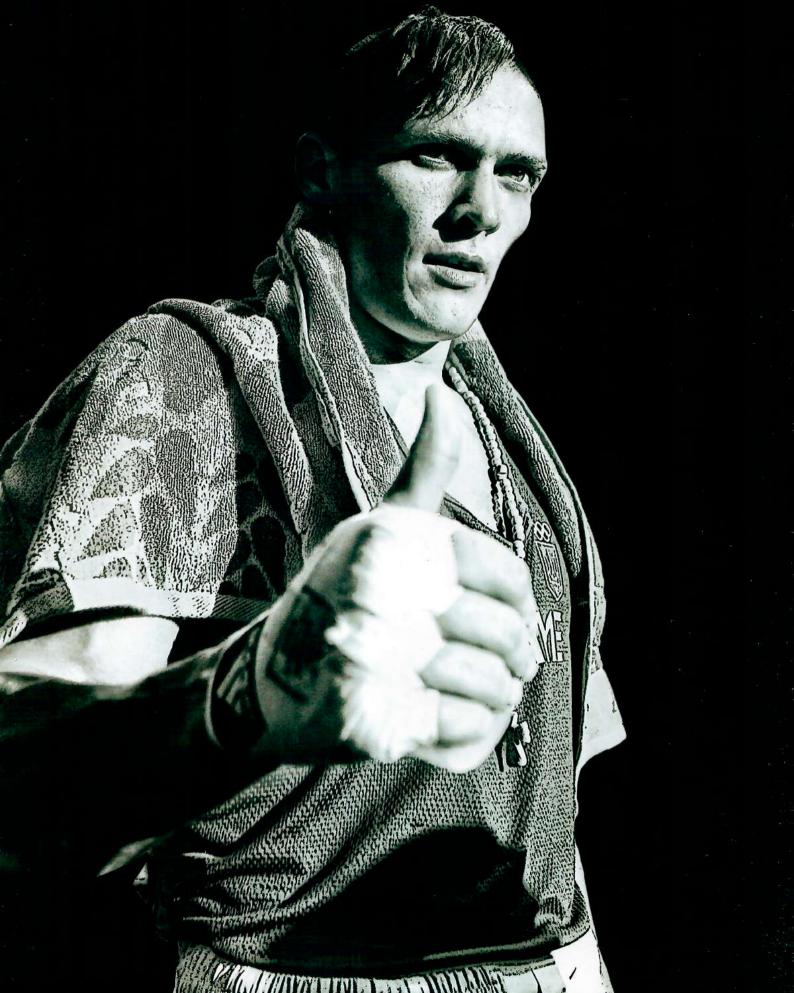
Wladimir Klitschko, just like his brother, became an iconic figure in boxing. Wladimir fought 69 professional boxing fights in total and won 64 of them. Throughout his triumphant career he set multiple athletic records. Wladimir held the world heavyweight championship title for 4,382 days (12 years), which is the longest time in the history of the heavyweight division. Wladimir holds the 15th spot on the list of the best boxers in history, as well as the 1st spot on the list of the best European boxers of all time, according to BoxRec.









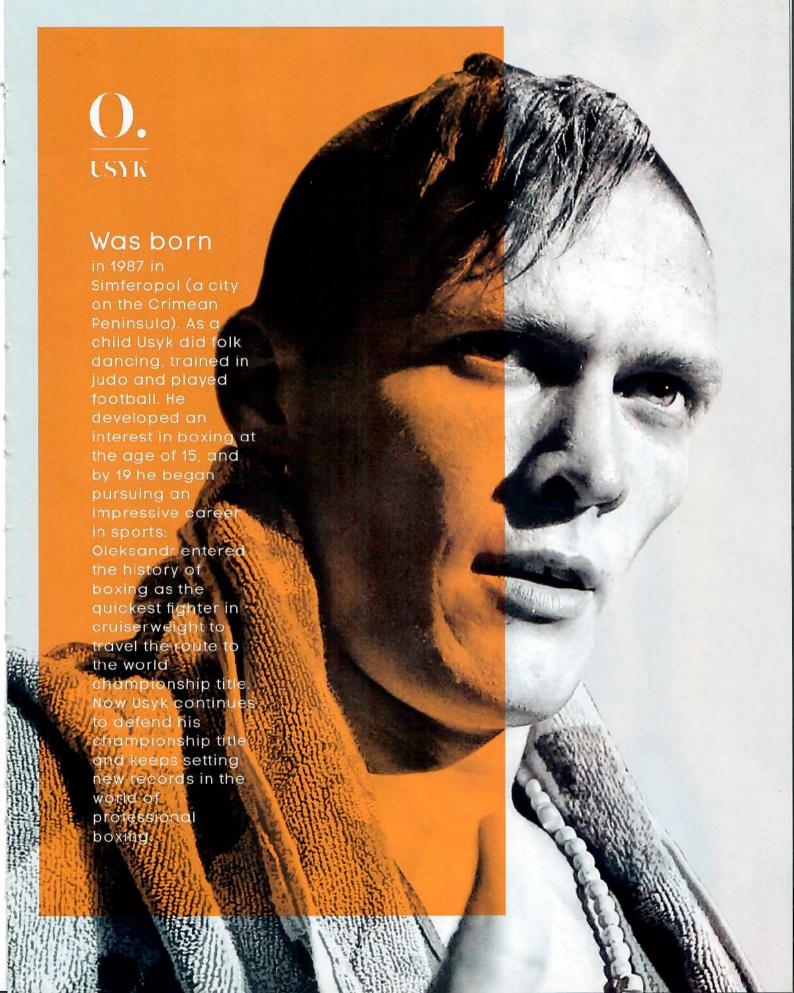


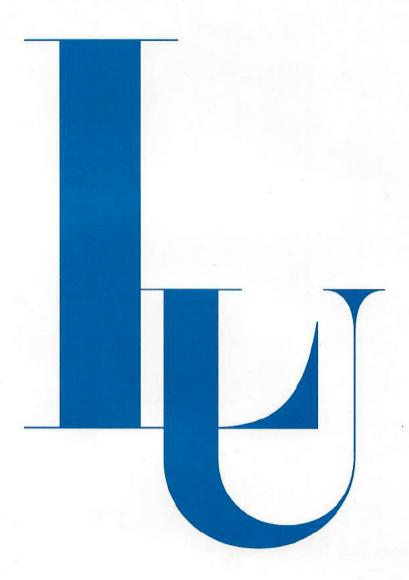
LEGACY THE NEW ICON OF WORLD WIDE BOXING

Oleksandr Usyk was born on the same day as Muhammad Ali (if 45 years later), and today he is one of the best modern boxers. He has fought in 16 professional fights and lost none. He is the first boxer in history to hold all four major world championship titles at cruiserweight. In November of 2018, the boxer defended all his belts by sending British boxer Tony Bellew to the ground and winning by knockout. This match allowed Oleksandr Usyk to become the undisputed champion of the world on his 16th fight and beat Evander Holyfield's record, who was only able to do it in 18 bouts.

Oleksandr Usyk started his boxing career in the mid-2000's. First, the boxer won several European championships and then went on to compete in the Olympics twice. In 2012, Usyk won the gold medal at the Summer Olympics in London, where he was the captain of Ukraine's national team. In 2013, Usvk moved from amateur to professional boxing and very shortly received offers from many promotion companies in various countries but chose the Klitschko brothers' company - K2 Promotions. In his first professional fight, Usyk defeated Mexican boxer Felipe Romero by knockout.

That was followed by new triumphs: in 2014, the boxer captured the Interim WBO Inter-Continental cruiserweight title, then defended his championship twice in 2015, and in 2016, became the WBO cruiserweight champion of the world. To win the championship, Usyk had to defeat the undefeated Polish boxer Krzysztof Głowacki. This was only the 10th professional fight for Oleksandr, which was in itself a new record. since the previous record holder, Evander Holyfield, was only able to become the champion in his 12th professional fight, in 1986. In 2018, the boxer defended all his championship titles by knocking out British boxer Tony Bellew. Currently, Oleksandr Usyk is preparing for new fights and new records.









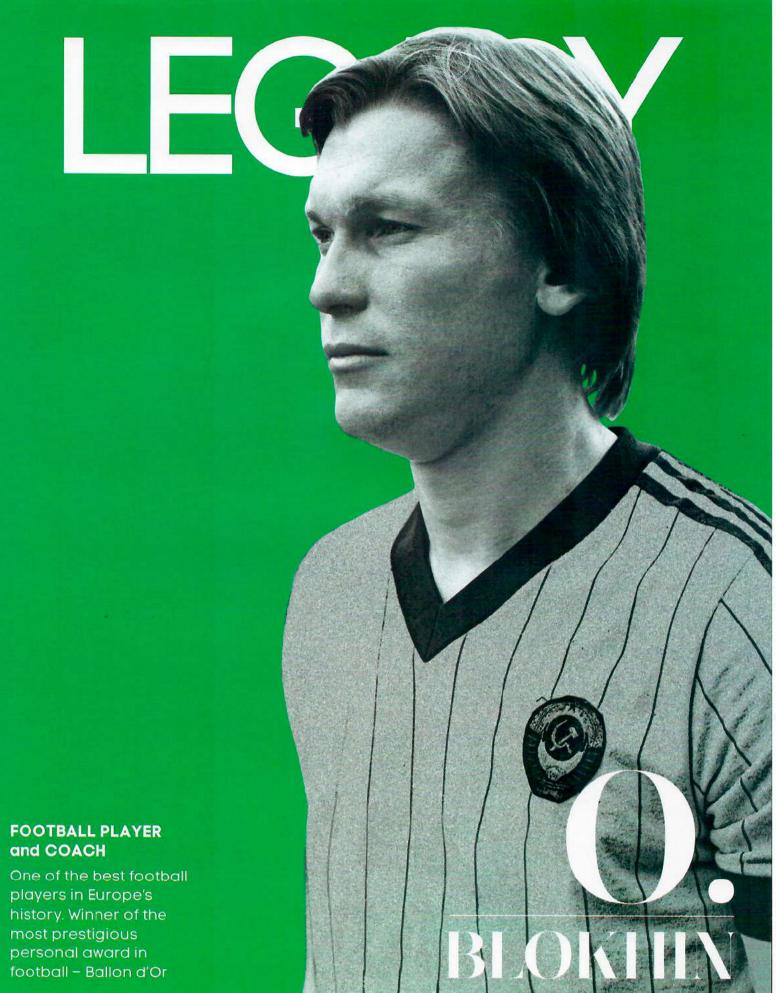
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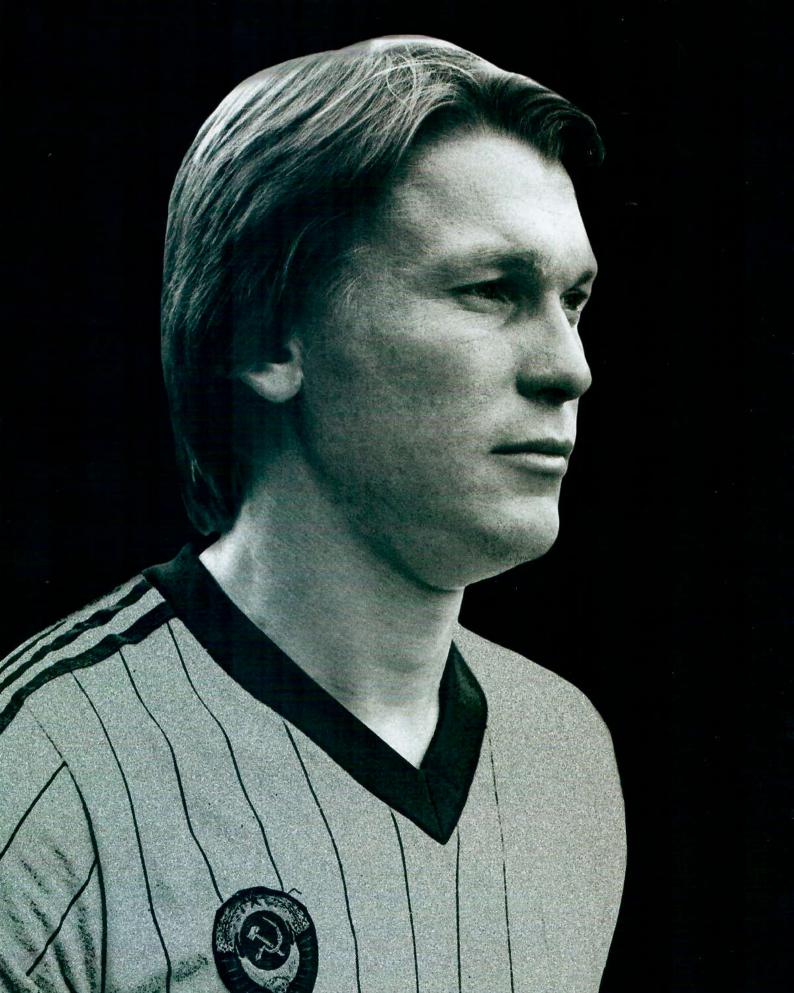
Valeriy Lobanovskyi was a coach with unshakable will power, which is why European journalists nicknamed him the «Iron Colonel». For the first time in the history of Soviet sports, Lobanovskyi brought Dynamo Kiev to the status of a top European football club. In 1975, Dynamo became the first Soviet football club to win the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and the Super Cup. For these achievements and many others, Valeriy Lobanovskyi was recognized as one of the best coaches in the history of football.











LECACY ALL THE RECORDS FOOTBALL

Oleh Blokhin – the most decorated Soviet football player at club level. He was one of the country's top athletic icons and held his own in comparison with legendary football players across the world. Blokhin set many records and received an abundance of awards including the UEFA Super Cup, Ballon d'Or and the Golden Foot.

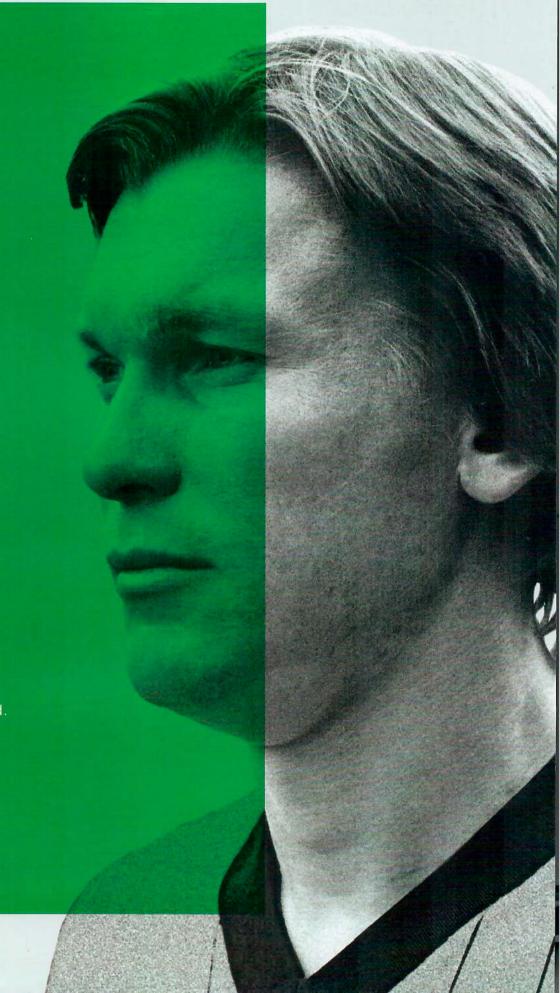
Oleh Blokhin started his career in sports in the early 1970's. He played for Dynamo Kiev, which was coached by Valeriy Lobanovskyi - another Ukrainian football legend. Blokhin quickly became one of the club's best players: in 1974, Oleh hit the opponent's net 20 times. In 1975, the football player contributed greatly to Dynamo's triumph in the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup: in the final game against the Hungarian club Ferencvarosi, Oleh scored the third goal. In the match-up with Bayern Munich, Blokhin was the only goal scorer of the game. By the end of 1975, Oleh Blokhin was recognized as the best player of the continent according to France Football.

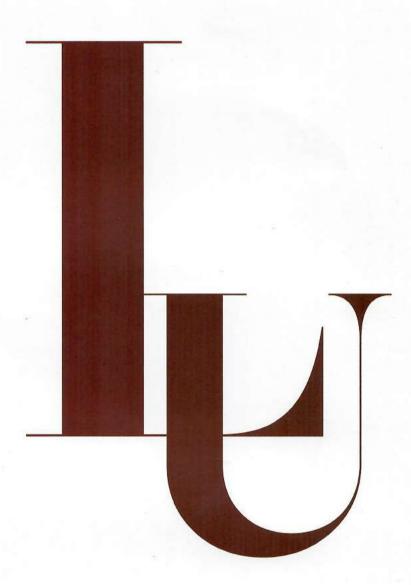
Later, Blokhin's career went up at an even steeper rate and led to more impressive achievements. He became the top scorer of the USSR championship 5 times and played 112 games for the USSR national team (which is more than any other player in the history of Soviet football) and scored 42 goals in those games. Blokhin was also the first Soviet football player to score 200 goals in his career. It is no surprise that the national Soviet team reaching the World Cup final in 1982 and 1986 was the team with Blokhin in its ranks. When all is said and done, Blokhin became one of the best football players of the USSR and Europe and received many awards in the sport including Ballon d'Or, Golden Foot and others.

O. BLOKHIX

Was born

in 1952 in Kiev. Ukraine, Oleh's parents were athletes, and so sports attracted him since childhood. By the end of the 1960's, he began playing for the Dynamo Kiev Football Club, which was the beginning of a triumphal career, inspiring the following generation of Ukrainian football players to succeed.









LEGACY LEAGUE

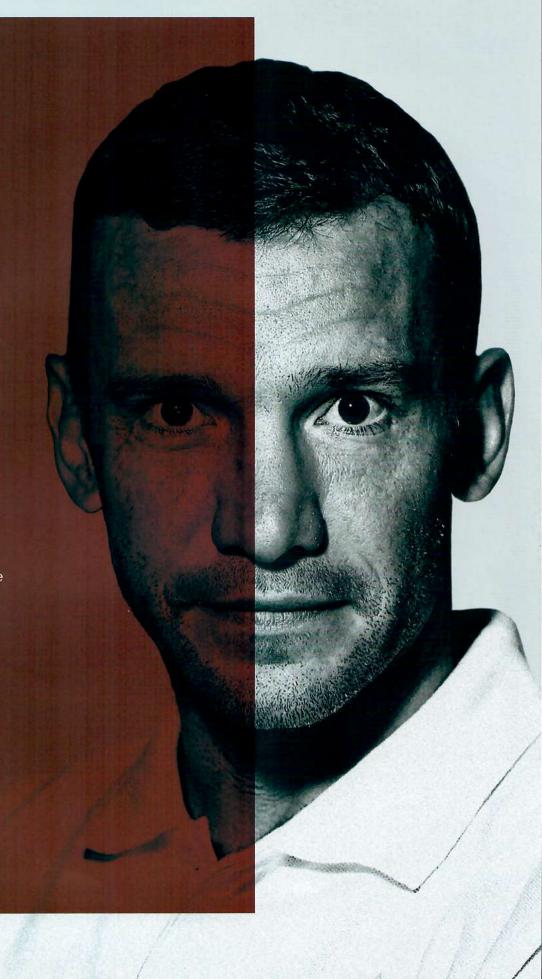
Andriy Shevchenko holds the most awards among all football players in the Post-Soviet states. His rise to big football was vigorous and his achievements were breathtaking. Shevchenko won the Ballon d'Or award in 2004, was twice the top scorer of UEFA Champions League and twice the top scorer of Serie A (Italy's football championship). Andriy is the second top-scoring player in the history of A.C. Milan and the top-scoring player in the history of the Milan derby.

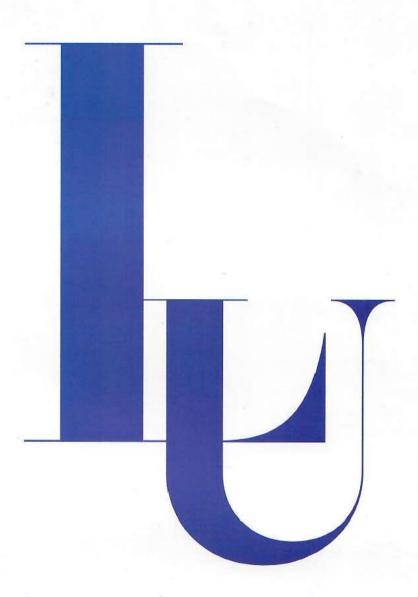


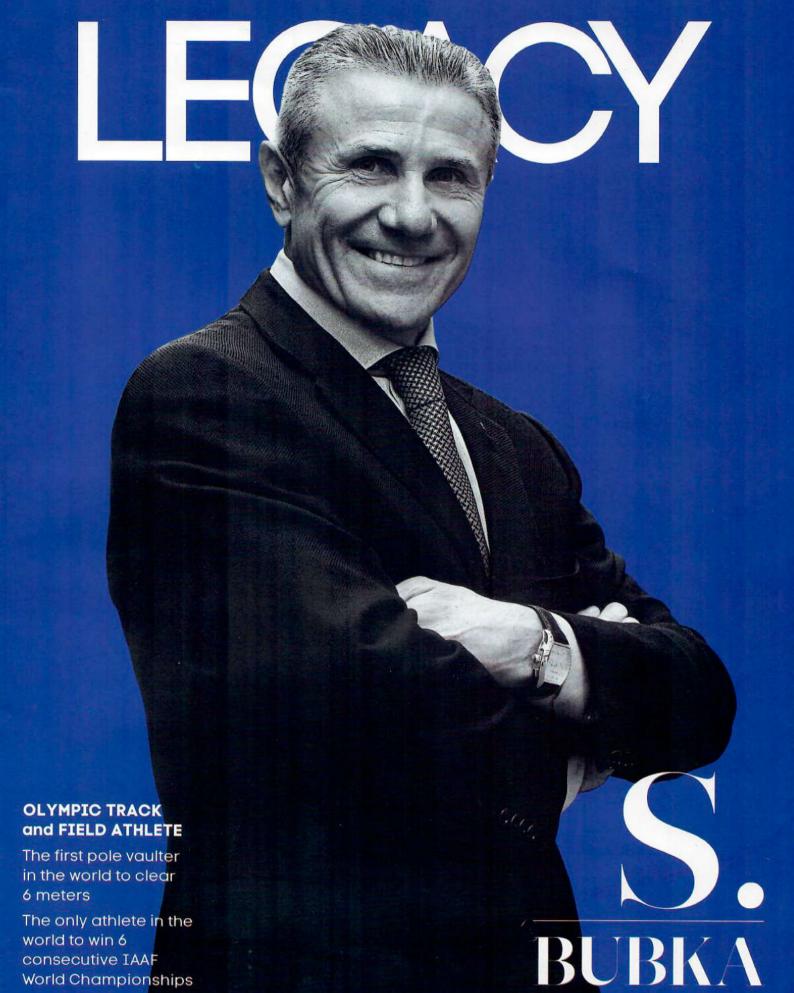
$\frac{A}{\text{SHEVCHEXKO}}$

Was born

in the village of Dvirkivshchyna in Ukraine. Currently, Andriy lives in Kiev. He took his first steps in football on the school yard while in middle school. As a teenager Andriy was accepted into the Dynamo Kiev FC, where the future football legend began his career and also his rise to the status of the first ever Ukrainian to win the Champions League.





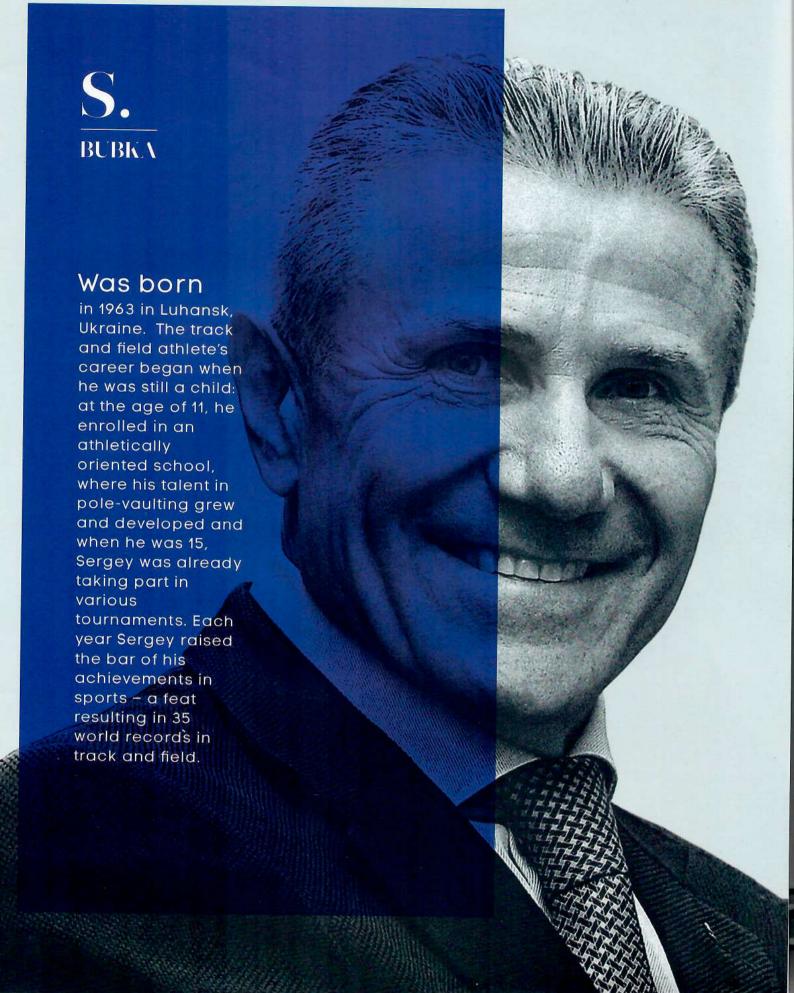


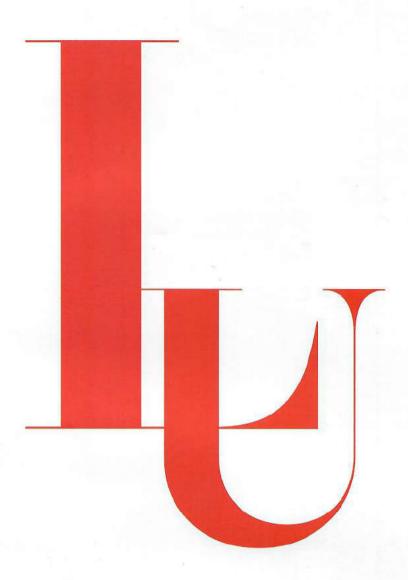


LEGACY THE RECORD THAT STAYED UNBEATENFOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS

Sergey Bubka engraved his name into the history of track and field by becoming the first person in history to clear 6 meters in pole vaulting. In 1994, the athlete reached the 6.14-meter mark and set a record that no athlete in the world was able to beat for 21 years. It isn't surprising that Juan Antonio, former president of the International Olympics Committee, called Bubka the most outstanding modern athlete.











LEGEND

Taihō Kōki is one of the most outstanding sumo wrestlers in history. He is shown to young wrestlers as an example of strong work ethic and diligence in training. Taihō was the only wrestler in history to win the Makuuchi (the top division of sumo) yearly, for 12 years in a row. He also won the Emperor's Cup 32 times throughout his career, which is a record that stayed unbeaten for 40 years and was only topped in 2015. For all his achievements in the sport of sumo, Taihō Kōki is justly acclaimed one of the best wrestlers of all time.

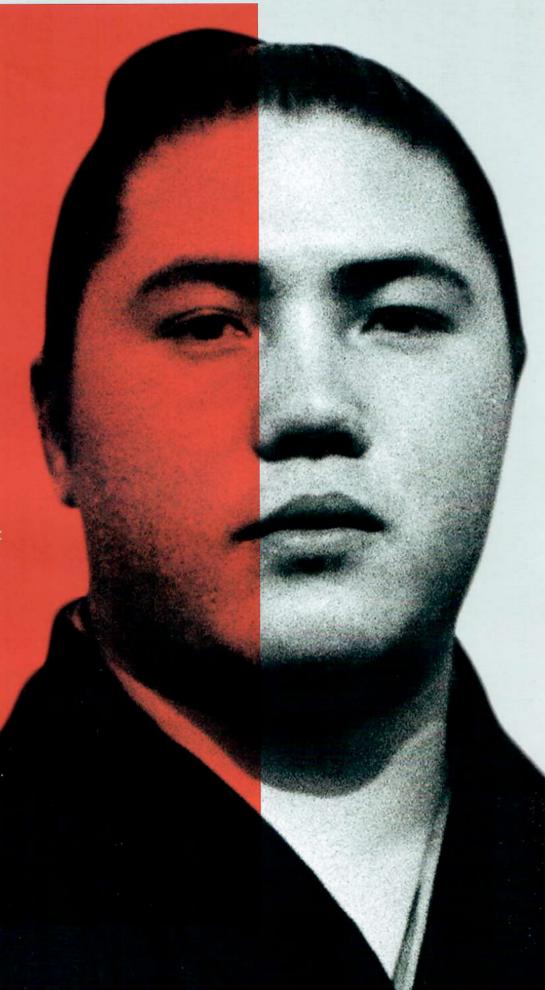
Taihō Kōki's athletic career began in the mid-1950's. Originally, the wrestler competed under his real name Kōki Naya, but after moving up to Jūryō, the second of six sumo divisions, he chose to compete under the alias Taihō, which means «Great phoenix». In 1960, Taihō was promoted to Makuuchi, the top sumo division, which is exactly where his sumo career took off. In his very first year in the top division, Taihō already won the Emperor's Cup – the top sumo award. In 1961, the athlete was promoted to yokozuna, the highest rank for a sumo wrestler and one allowing him to compete against the best of the sport.

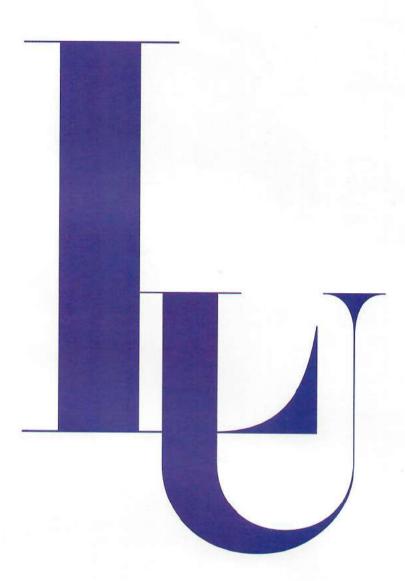
From that time on, Taihō continued to compete in the Makuuchi division, where he held his most convincing and prominent victories and set his most impressive records. For example, Taihō became the only wrestler in history to win the Makuuchi division for almost 12 years straight. Also, during the stretch between winter of 1968 and spring on 1969, he went undefeated for 45 matches in a row – a legendary bout of victories and the second best in sumo at that time. Curiously, the winning streak was interrupted by a frustrating mistake by the judges – this caused an outrage, but as a result video replays were introduced in sumo. Taihō retired from sumo wrestling in the early 1970's. During his athletic career, the wrestler won the Emperor's Cup 32 times, setting a record that was to hold for 40 years straight.

T.

Was born

in 1940 in the town of Shikuka, in the Sakhalin. Taihō's father, Markiyan Boryshko, was a Ukrainian from the Kharkiv region of Ukraine. His mother Kye Naya, was a Japanese woman, whom Markiyan met in 1928 on Sakhalin. When Sakhalin became part of the USSR, Taihō's family moved to Japan. There the future champion decided to become a sumo wrestler and ended up embedding his history of this sport.







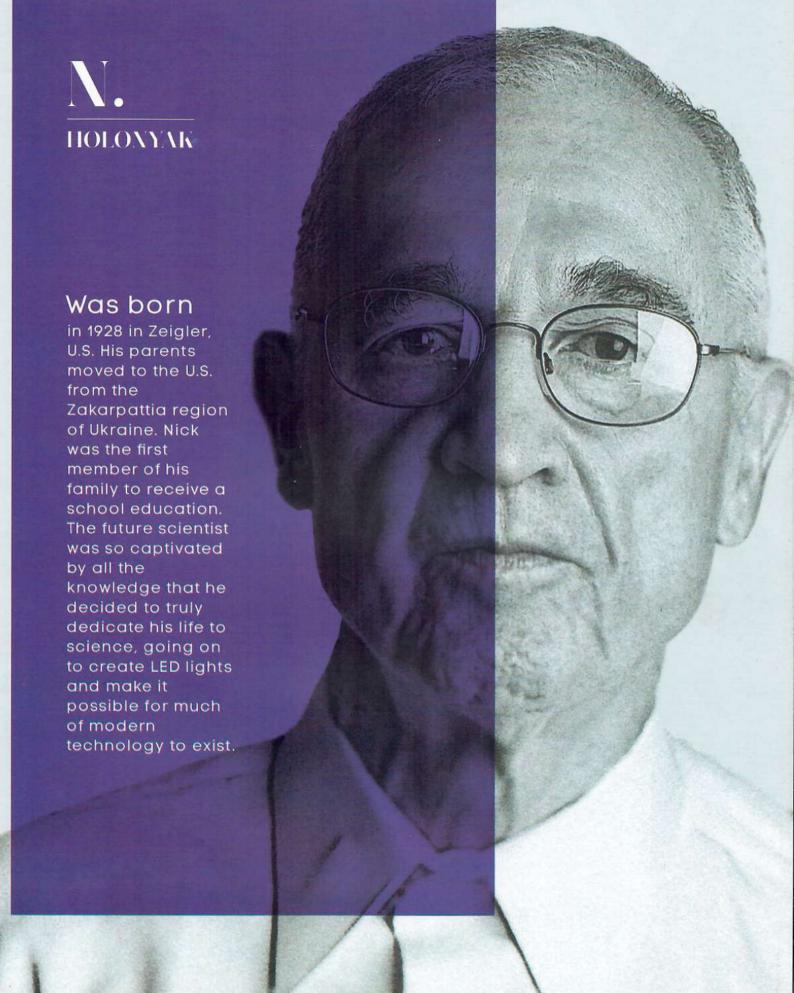


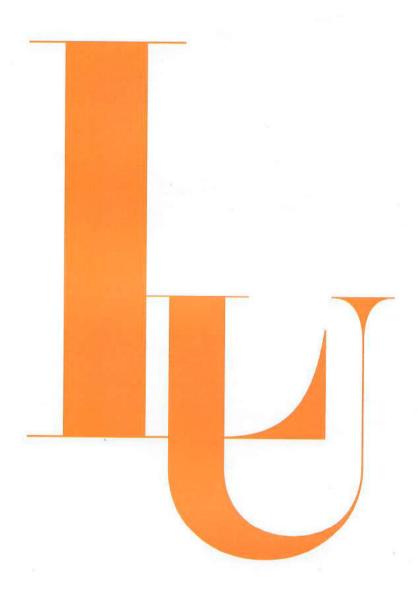
LEGACY FORTY-TWO STELLAR INVENTOR

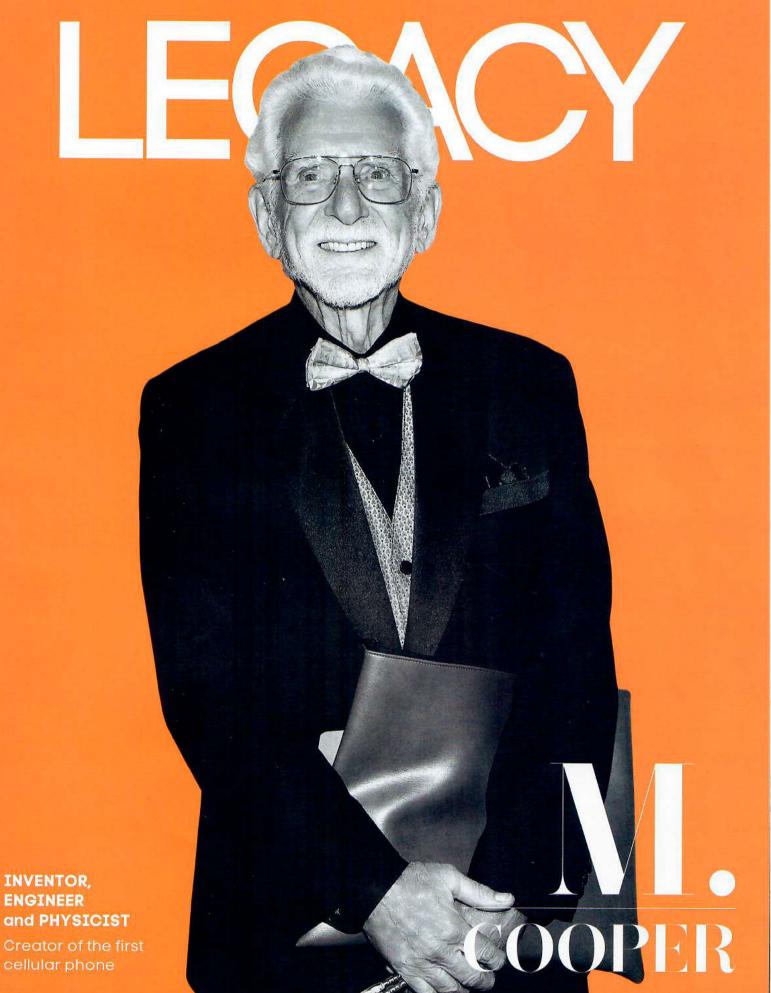
Nick Holonyak is known around the world as the «father of LED». LED technology is now used in TVs, monitors, computers and so on. Apart from LED, Holonyak made multiple other discoveries and we could hardly imagine the modern world without them. Another major invention made by Nick is the semiconductor laser, which is used in CD and DVD technology, as well as in mobile phones. In total, the inventor has 42 patents that have influenced the development of modern technology.

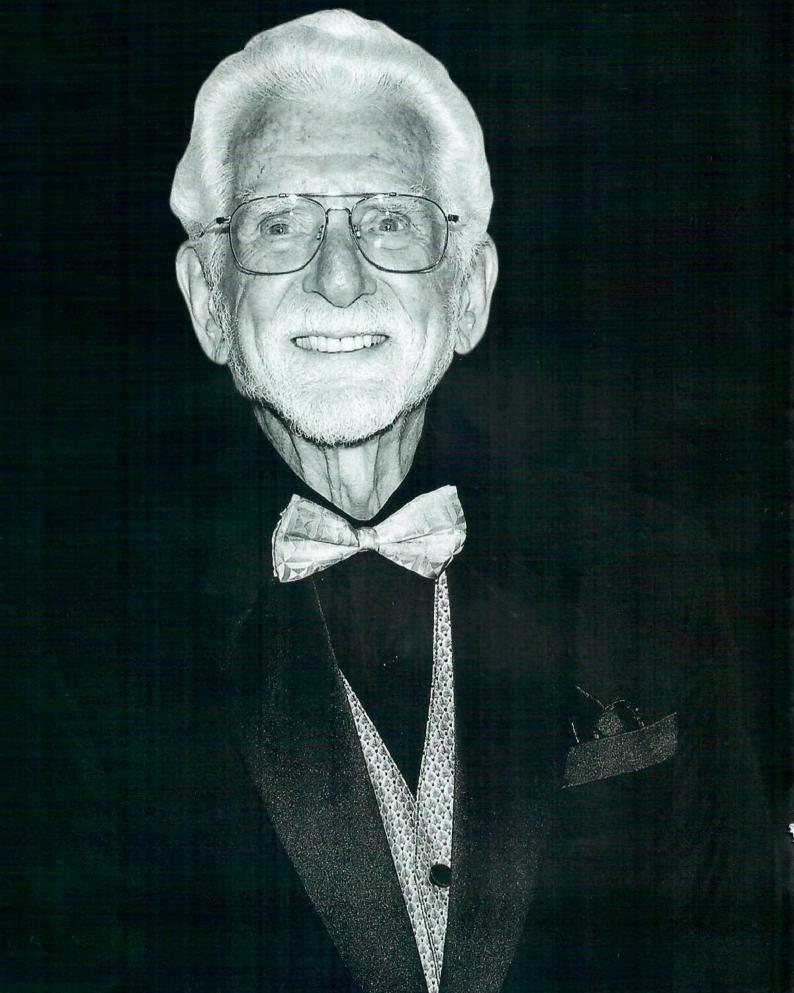
Nick Holonyak commenced his science career in the 1950's. He received his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. Years of hard work followed, resulting in his creation of the first ever light-emitting diode in 1962 (a diode being a semiconductor with two terminals and the current flowing in one direction, usually). This invention was at the request of General Electric - one of the largest technology manufacturers in the USA.

LED (light-emitting diode) revolutionized technology in general and lighting specifically - it came to be used used at stadiums, on Time Square's advertising plasma screens, on TV, phone and computer screens and even in toys. Yet, this is hardly his only invention: all around, Nick Holonyak holds 42 patents in science and technology. For his merits, Nick was honored with the U.S. National Medal of Science and National Medal of Technology and Innovations, as well as with many other prestigious scientific awards.









LEGACY FIVE BILLION MOBILE CONNECTION USERS

Martin Cooper created the first ever cellular phone in the world and started a whole new era of communication with his invention. Owing to Cooper's developments, this method of communication has become so simple and fast by now that just half a century ago it would have sounded like science fiction. Nevertheless, mobile connection is quite real – it is the influence and statistics of these developments that seem fictionally fantastic. There are now 800 official mobile operators in the world that provide service for 5 billion users all across the globe. It is also estimated that by 2020 the number of devices using cellular connection will have reached 11 billion.

Martin Cooper's began his scientific career in 1950. In 1954,
Cooper started working for Motorola, but concurrently he
continued studying and enhancing his knowledge. At
Motorola, Cooper continued to work on perfecting
car phones, which were cumbersome and
inconvenient, yet were still in high demand.
In the 70's, he decided that it was time to
reduce the size of such phones and
make them more compact and
convenient. This idea was avidly
seized by several large
technology companies
simultaneously, one of
them being AT&T - a
main rival of

Motorola at the time.

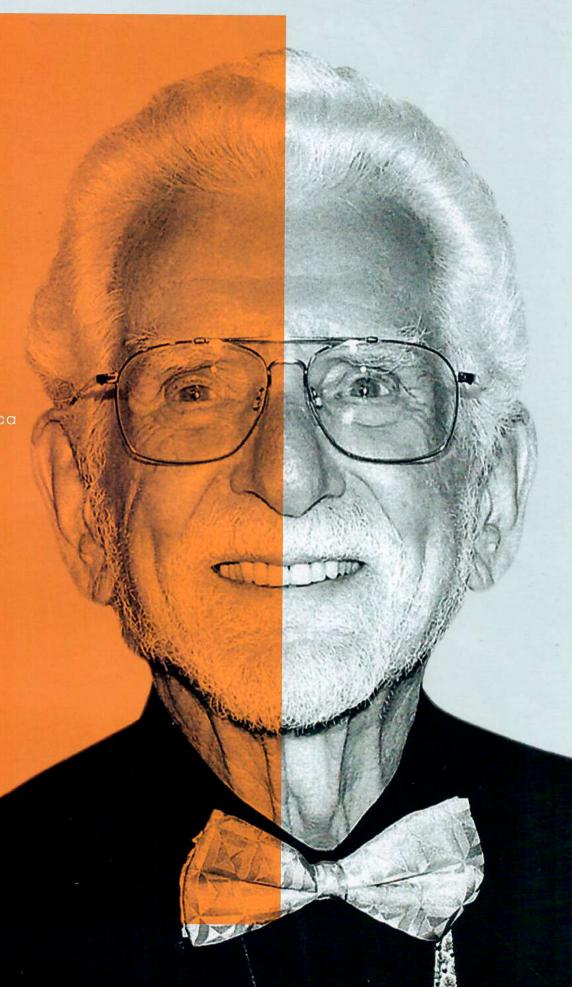
In
1973, a
phone
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Martin Cooper from
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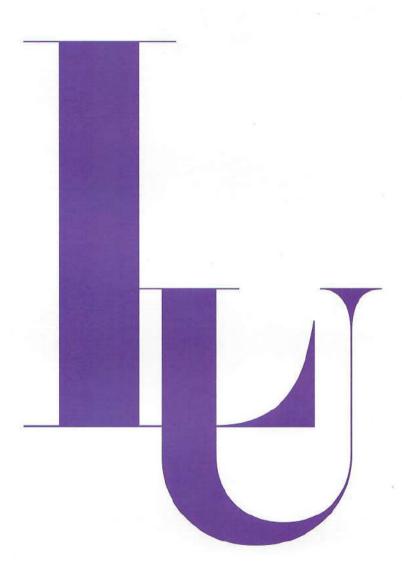
developed the first cellular phone in existence and used it to make the first ever call from a mobile phone. Indeed, this phone call became legendary and sparked off a new era in telecommunications. At first, mobile phones were rather expensive and awkward, weighing nearly 1.5 kilos (some three pounds). But then they gradually grew smaller, more convenient and more accessible, all of which were factors that made the mobile device market one of the fastest growing markets in the world. Today, there are over 800 official mobile operators servicing five billion people across the world. Such was Martin Cooper's contribution to cellular networks – one of the key technologies of modern times.

M. COOPER

Was born

in Chicago, U.S.
Martin's parents
moved to America
from Ukraine. In
1950, the young
man graduated
from the Illinois
Institute of
Technology and
became an
electrical
engineer, thus
beginning his
career as an
inventor who
gifted the world
it's first ever
cellular phone.

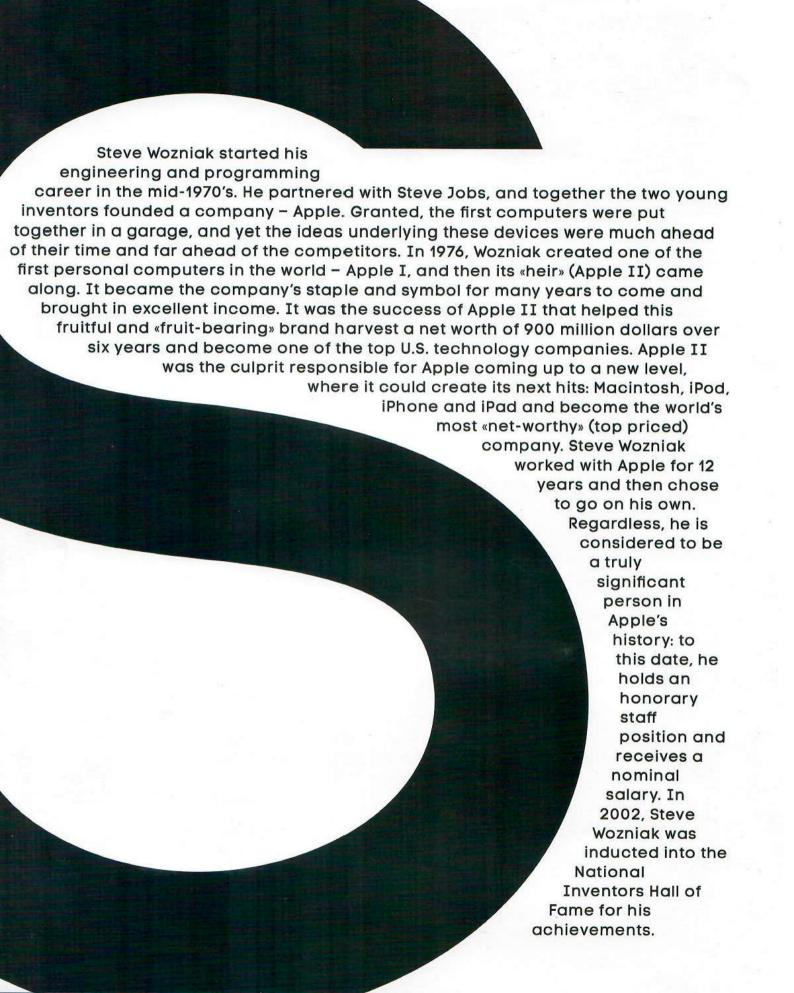








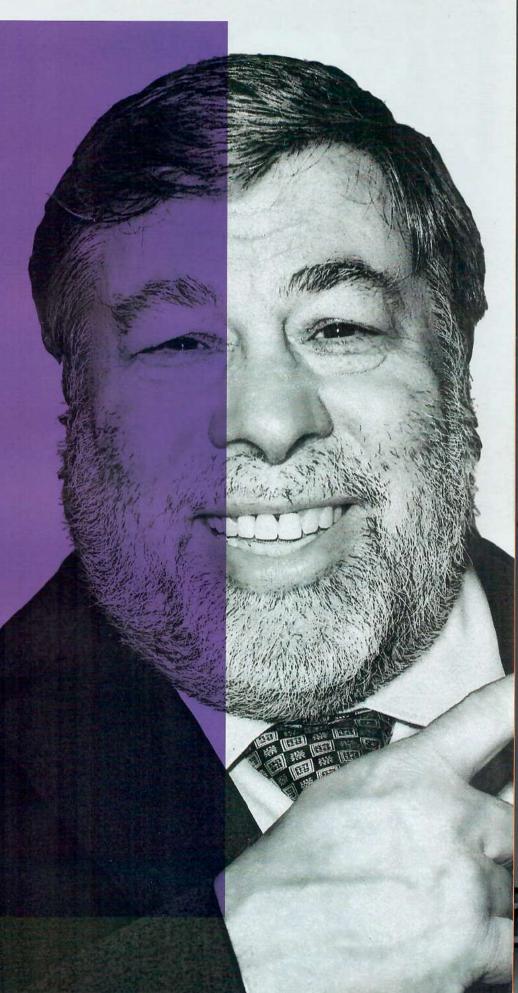
During the mid-1970's, Steve Wozniak single-handedly engineered the Apple I and Apple II computers, which set off a revolution in personal computers and defined the further development of the computer industry. It is notable that Apple II symbolized Apple as a brand for a long time, and its sales continued all the way up to the 1990's. Apple II was and is a true star of the computer industry, a rising star that set the course for the take-off and further development of Apple.

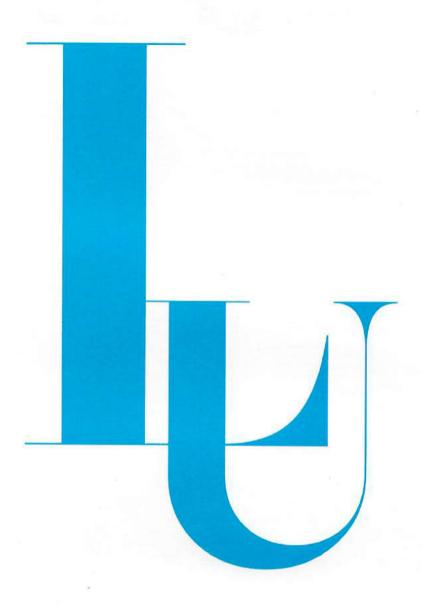


S. WOZNIAK

Was born

in 1950 in San Jose. U.S. Steve's paternal grandparents grew up in Bukovina (now the Chernivtsi region of Ukraine). Steve's father cultivated his son's love for electronics while Steve was very young - by the time the young inventor was in 4th grade, he already had an amateur radio license, and by 8th grade he had already assembled a calculator on his own. That was the beginning of Steve's path as an engineer and inventor - a path leading him to the creation of revolutionary computers and participation in the development of one of most successful technology companies in history.







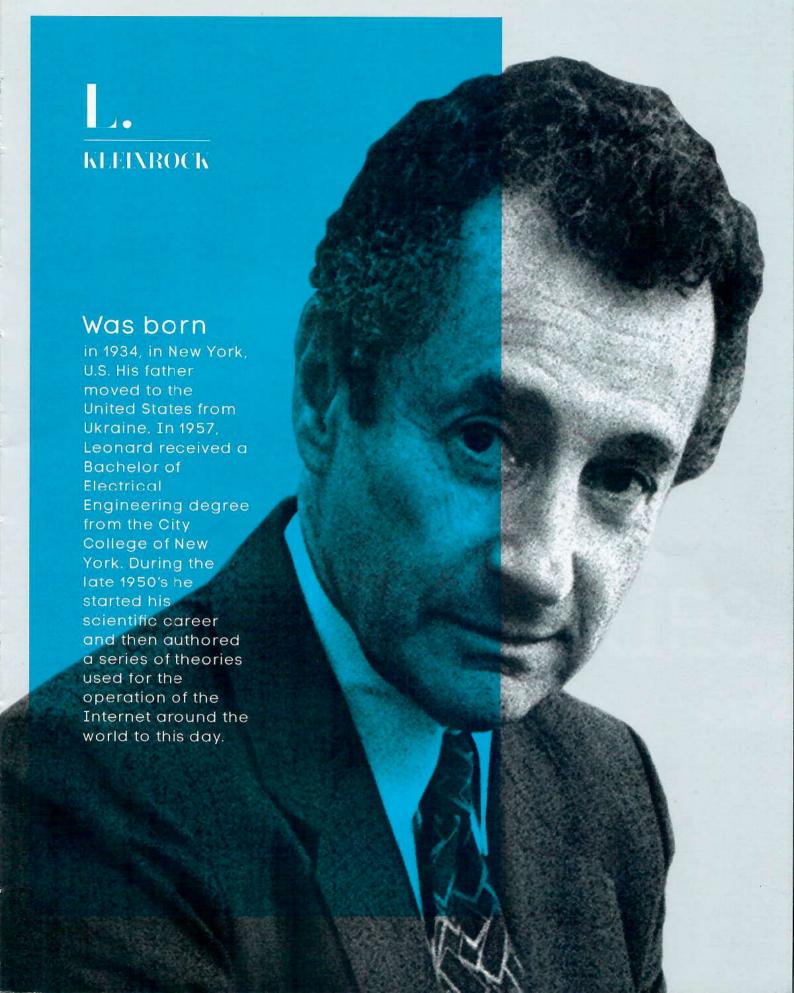


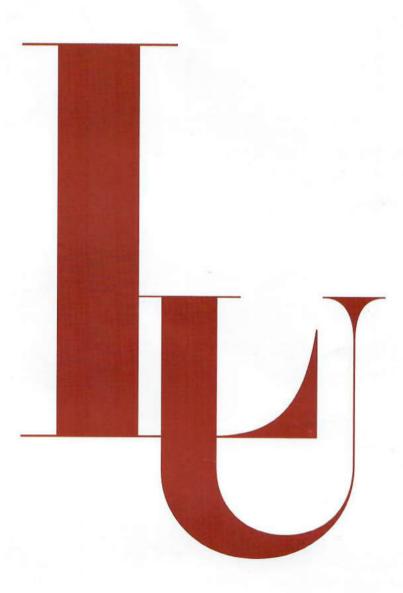
LEGACY DEVELOPMENTS WORLD

During the mid-1950's, Leonard Kleinrock released a book where he described a technology that could divide files into segments and transfer them in different ways through a network. His ideas were the basis of a computer network called ARPANET, which was the predecessor of the modern Internet. Now the Internet plays a major role in the lives of billions of people around the world. Here is an example of but one Internet day: 294 billion emails get sent, 4 billion videos are watched on YouTube, 1288 new mobile apps are uploaded, and so on. All of this might have never come into being, if not for Kleinrock's ideas being ahead of their time.

Leonard began his scientific career at the end of the 1950's. In 1957, he received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from the City College of New York, and two years later a master's degree in electrical engineering and computer science from MIT. Kleinrock continued to further develop his knowledge in science, and in 1963 received his doctorate in electrical engineering and computer science. Soon after, Leonard started teaching at the University of California, Los Angeles, while at the same time authoring theoretical works on computer networking.

In the 1960's, Kleinrock published a book Communication Nets, describing «packet switching» – a technology that could break down files into groups and transmit them by different routes over a network. In 1969, the scientist's works became the basis of the computer network ARPANET - the predecessor of the modern Internet. At the time of ARPANET's creation, there were only 4 computers in the network. By 1977, the number of connected computers reached 111, and by 1983 it was already 4000. Shortly after, new computer networks appeared, and over time they turned into a huge net that we all know as modern Internet. As of today, the Internet has expanded enormously and is used by 53 percent of the world population. All this became possible thanks to Leonard Kleinrock's work, for which the scientist received the most significant science award in the U.S.A. - the National Medal of Science. Also, Leonard has been inducted into the Internet Hall of Fame.









LEGACY FIFTY PERCENT FIRMER THROUGH WI-FI

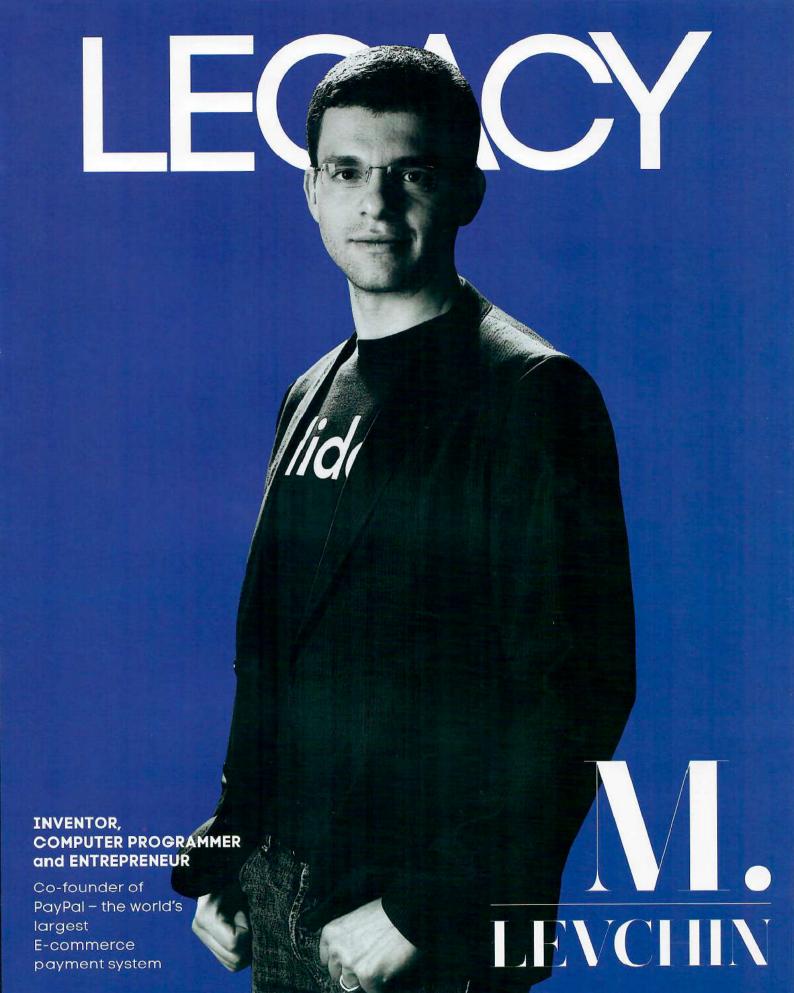
Hedy Lamarr was an actress of the Golden Age of Hollywood, who not only left an imprint in the world of film, but also did so in the area of technology. During World War II, Hedy developed a system for remote-control missiles. This technology was later used in the creation of Wi-Fi – one of the main technologies in wireless communication. In 2014, Hedy Lamarr was inducted in the Inventors' Hall of Fame for her achievements.

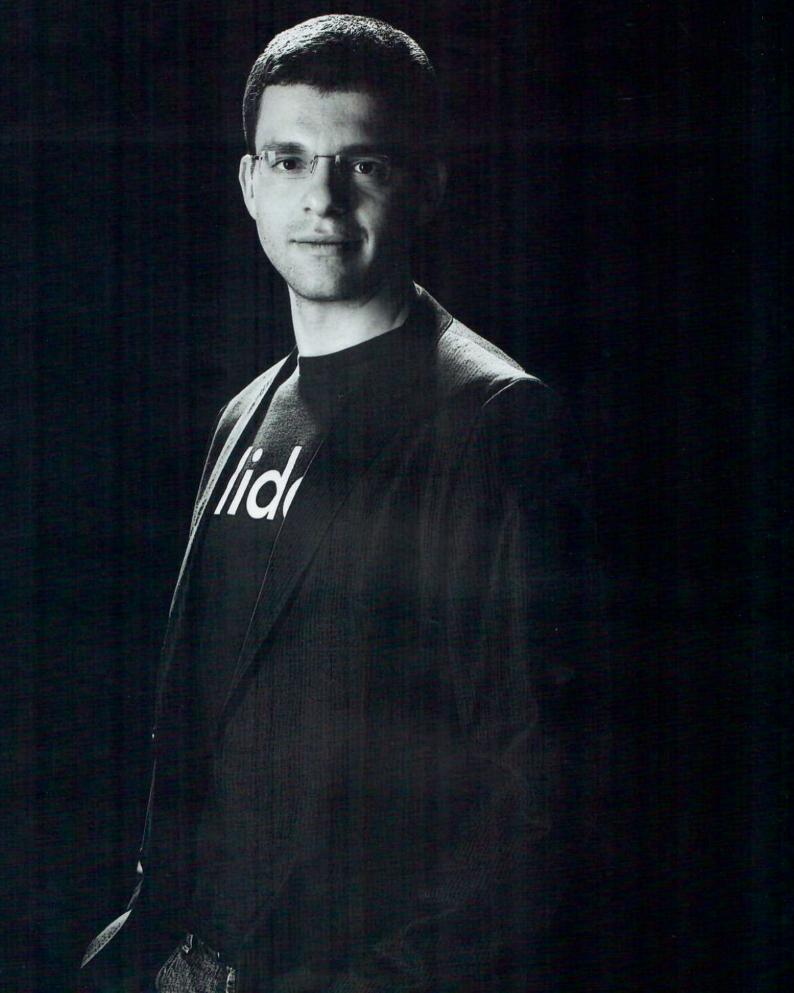
Hedy Lamarr began her career as an artist in the beginning of the 1930's. First, she conquered the film industry with her talent and beauty, then later - the field of science with her mind and intellect. In the 1930's and 40's, Lamarr was a bright star in Hollywood and collaborated with MGM studio, managed by Louis Mayer, Overall, Lamarr filmed in 34 movies that were hugely popular among the audience and earned her the reputation of one of the most talented actresses in the Dream Factory. But this soaring success did not overshadow the actress's other talents. Hedv knew mathematics very well and was well versed in weapons and arms, thanks to her first husband - the owner of an arms factory.

In 1942, Hedy and her friend (pianist George Antheil) developed and patented a radio guidance system for torpedoes. The actress really wanted to help her country and the Allies in the war against Fascism. However, during those difficult times her developments were not used due to the difficulty of implementation. But half a century later, this patent was used in an entirely different area: fast and wireless information transmission technology that became the basis for Wi-Fi and GPS devices. In 1997, the inventor-actress was officially awarded for her discovery, and in 2014 Hedy Lamarr was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Thanks to Hedy's scientific developments, there are now seven billion devices connected to Wi-Fi, and 50 percent of the world's internet traffic goes through a Wi-Fi connection.









Max Levchin is the co-founder of one of the largest e-commerce payment systems in the world – PayPal. The service is available in 202 countries and works with 25 currencies. 240 million users make 139 billion dollars worth of payments through PayPal annually. When PayPal first began actively working on the market in 2002, the MIT Technology Review magazine listed Max Levchin as one of the top 100 innovators of the world and called him «innovator of the year».

Max Levchin began his career as an inventor and programmer at the end of the 1990's. In 1997, he graduated from the University of Illinois and then moved to the Silicon Valley – the home of leading programmers and developers. In the beginning, Max worked at several start-ups that did not reach the necessary results. His real career take-off happened with the creation of the PayPal payment system that Max co-founded and contributed to as a

developer.

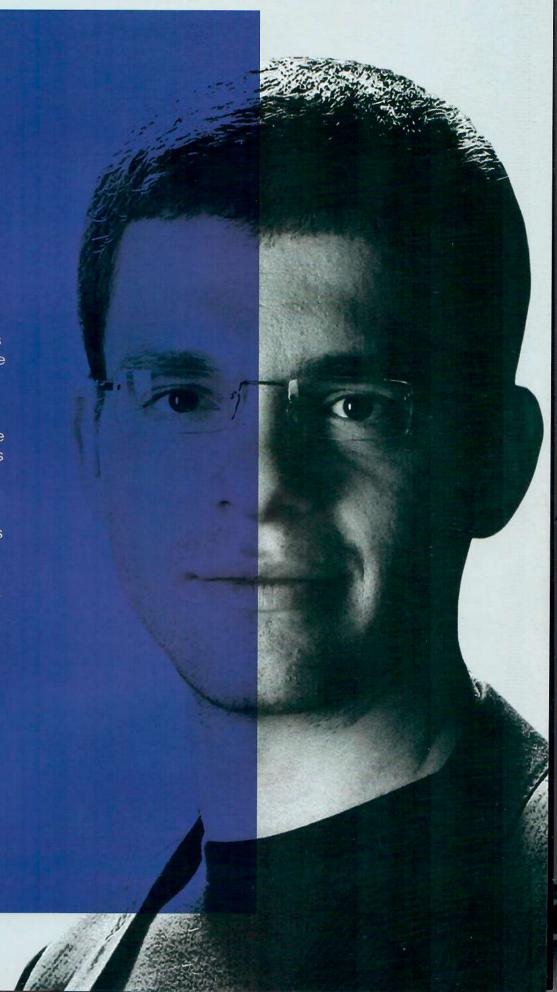
PayPal was created in 1998, and in 2002 the payment system was bought by eBay for 1.5 billion dollars. From this moment on, PayPal grew rapidly in the world of e-commerce.

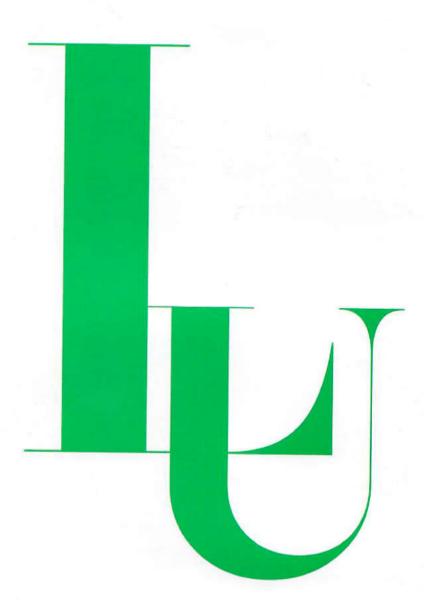
By the mid-2000's, most of PayPal's competitors were closed down or sold. By 2012, the service was working in 190 countries around the world, and by 2014 the number already grew to 202. Nowadays, the payment system works with 24 world currencies and provides services to more than 200 million users. After PayPal was sold, Levchin did not rest on his laurels: in 2004, the developer released his own start-up, Slide – a photosharing service that helps people easily upload and share multiple photos. The Internet giant, Google, got really interested in this start-up and soon bought it for 182 million dollars. In 2009, Max Levchin ranked 25th on Fortune's 40 Under 40 list of the richest young entrepreneurs.

M. LEVCHIN

Was born

in 1975 in Kiev, Ukraine. In 1991, his family moved to the U.S., where they settled in Chicago. In 1997, Max graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in computer science and later began his career as a web-developer. Eventually, his work resulted in the creation of an e-commerce payment system that is now being used by over 200 million people in more than 200 countries.









Jan Koum created the most popular communication app. It is used by more than 1.5 billion people around the world, who make over 100 million calls and send more than 42 billion messages daily. Thanks to WhatsApp, Jan Koum turned into one of the most influential people in IT, with a net worth of 9.2 billion dollars.

Jan Koum began his career as a developer and programmer at the end of 1990's. In 1997, the young developer was offered to do an analysis on the advertisement platform for Yahoo! and was hired shortly after. The programmer worked at the company until 2007 and then applied for a iob at Facebook but was turned down. The streak of bad luck was broken when Jan got his hands on the first iPhone: the developer immediately saw the potential of this device and the App Store. It was then that Jan conceived the idea to create an innovative application that would allow people to send texts, pictures, video and audio through the Internet fast and for free. Together with Brian Acton - his friend from Yahoo! - Koum started developing the application that would raise mobile communication to an entirely new level. The result of their work was WhatsApp messenger, which was released in 2009.

The absence of ads and subscription fees, along with a simple interface, made the app popular in only a few months after the release. With every year, the messenger gained momentum by adding new functions and increasing the number of users: in 2009, the app was downloaded by 250 thousand people; in 2012 - by 100 million already; in 2013 that number sky-rocketed to 300 million, and in 2014 the number of users exceeded 500 million. The application's exponential growth resulted in Facebook (which once refused to hire Koum, ironically) buying WhatsApp for 19 billion dollars in 2014. Today, WhatsApp is the most popular communication application in the world, and Jan Koum is one of the most influential people in IT, with a net worth of 9.2 billion

dollars.





Conclusion

Our journey has come to an end. On the pages of this book, we have narrated the stories of forty-two outstanding people with Ukrainian origins – of those, who made invaluable contributions to the development of areas like film, painting and art, design, literature, music, sports and technology. We hope that their achievements and contributions will serve as an example and inspiration for millions of talented people around the world.

As mentioned earlier in the Introduction, forty-two is by no means the complete list of illustrious people with Ukrainian origins. There are many other ethnic Ukrainians who have made a significant positive «dent» – both on the fields described in our book and on numerous other areas of human endeavor

All these people certainly deserve a whole separate book written about them. We trust that *Legacy Ukraine* will serve as a starting point – the beginning of a series of colorful, vivid books dedicated to exceptional people with Ukrainian origins.

The following section will showcase brief information on some of those people.

Informational section

Outstanding people with Ukrainian origins worked not only in film, music, art and sports. They also succeeded in other areas – like aviation, cosmonautics, physics, informational technology and medicine. For example, they have helped send a person out into space and then to the Moon, they have saved millions of lives from epidemics and have laid the foundation for the modern computer industry. Some of these people are introduced below.

AVIATION

IGOR SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT DESIGNER, SCIENTIST AND INVENTOR

Created the first successful mass-produced helicopter, the first ever helicopter with an autopilot feature, the first four-engine aircraft and many other aircrafts that brought aviation to a whole new level

SPACE

KONSTANTIN TSIOLKOVSKY PIONEER OF THEORETIC COSMONAUTICS AND INVENTOR

His works served as an incentive for the creation of the most powerful rockets, airplanes and orbital stations, and laid the foundation for the development of the world's space industry

SPACE

VALENTIN GLUSHKO ENGINEER AND SCIENTIST IN ROCKET AND SPACE EQUIPMENT

Made a major breakthrough in the area of rocket engines and contributed greatly to the development of the space industry as a whole. Engines developed by Glushko brought the first satellite and the first human out into space

AVIATION

OLEG ANTONOV AIRCRAFT DESIGNER, SCIENTIST AND INVENTOR

Developed An-225 Mriya, the largest aircraft in the world and one that can carry the most weight. Contributed greatly to the development of the air cargo industry around the world

SPACE

YURI KONDRATYUK SCIENTIST AND SPACE THEORETICIAN

Calculated the optimal trajectory for the flight to the Moon in the begging of the 20th century. These calculations were used by NASA in the Apollo mission to the Moon

SPACE

SERGEI KOROLEV
SCIENTIST, ENGINEER AND
PIONEER OF PRACTICAL
COSMONAUTICS

Under his guidance, equipment for the flight to the Moon was created, the first ever artificial satellite of the Earth was launched, and also, human flight into space became possible

PHYSICS

OLEXANDER SMAKULA PHYSICIST AND INVENTOR

Inventor of innovative coating for lenses. Contributed greatly to the development of physics and optics. Considered to be one of the most outstanding Ukrainian physicists of the 20th century

TECHNOLOGY

LUBOMYR ROMANKIW SCIENTIST AND INVENTOR

Leading scientist of IBM in computer technology. As a result of his developments, the creation of hard drives and personal computers became possible

MEDICINE

ILYA MECHNIKOV MICROBIOLOGIST AND IMMUNOLOGIST

Ilya made incredible discoveries in the field of microbiology and immunology, creating a theory of immunity and gerontology, a science of aging. He made an enormous contribution to the development of microbiology, immunology, physiology and other branches of medicine around the world. Ilya receive the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 1908

MEDICINE

SELMAN WAKSMAN MICROBIOLOGIST AND BIOCHEMIST

He was the first person in the world to create an effective antibiotic against tuberculosis, and he also made an incredible contribution to the development of antibiotics in general. A 1952 Nobel Prize laureate in Physiology and Medicine

MEDICINE

VLADIMIR FILATOV OPHTHALMOLOGIST, SURGEON AND INVENTOR

Oreated an innovative method of transplanting the cornea, making this procedure available to millions across the world. Contributed greatly to reconstructive surgery

MEDICINE

WALDEMAR HAFFKINE BACTERIOLOGIST, IMMUNOLOGIST AND EPIDEMIOLOGIST

Created the first-ever effective vaccines against cholera and plague – vaccines that saved millions of lives around the world. In 1897, the Queen of England honored Vladimir with one of the most esteemed medals of the British Empire

MEDICINE

NIKOLAI AMOSOV HEART SURGEON, THORACIC SURGEON AND CYBERNETICIST

Nikolai was the first person on Earth to create an anti-thrombotic heart valves prosthesis. He also came up with a multitude of breakthrough methods in heart surgery and made an immense contribution into the development of this field of medicine

MEDICINE

IVAN HORBACHEVSKY CHEMIST, BIOCHEMIST AND EPIDEMIOLOGIST

The first Minister of Health in any European country. In 1900, he headed a delegation to the World Medical Congress in Paris, where he was elected the vice-president and the head of the congress's chemical committee



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